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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Civil Rights Activist

January 15, 1929 to April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and scholar. He was a social activist and led the civil rights movement against racial segregation during the 1960s.

Did you know?

- * King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's peaceful and non-violent protests.
- * He is well known for his speech "I Have A Dream" where he emphasised the importance of peace, equality, and freedom.
- * He received a Nobel Peace Prize when he was thirty-five years old and was then the youngest recipient of the award.

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Muhammad Ali

Professional Boxer, Social Activist,
and Philanthropist

January 17, 1942 - June 3, 2016

Muhammad Ali won the world boxing heavyweight title three times. During his two-decade career, he won 56 matches and only had five losses. He regained his championship title in 1974, where he said the infamous quote
“float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.”

• DID YOU KNOW? •

Born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr., he changed his name to Muhammad Ali when he converted to Islam under Malcom X's influence.

After retiring in 1984, he focused on philanthropy by supporting causes such as Parkinson's disease research and the Special Olympics.

Before becoming a professional boxer, he won a boxing gold medal as part of the US Team in the 1960 Olympics.

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Bessie Coleman

Pilot

January 26, 1892 - April 30, 1926

She is the first Black woman pilot—and the first woman pilot of Native-American descent in the United States.

She wanted to be a pilot after hearing stories from her brothers who were in the military.

It was hard for Bessie to get into aviation schools in the U.S. because she was female and a Black person.

Bessie had to learn how to speak French to apply for aviation schools in France.

Bessie became well-known for her air tricks like flying in loops!

