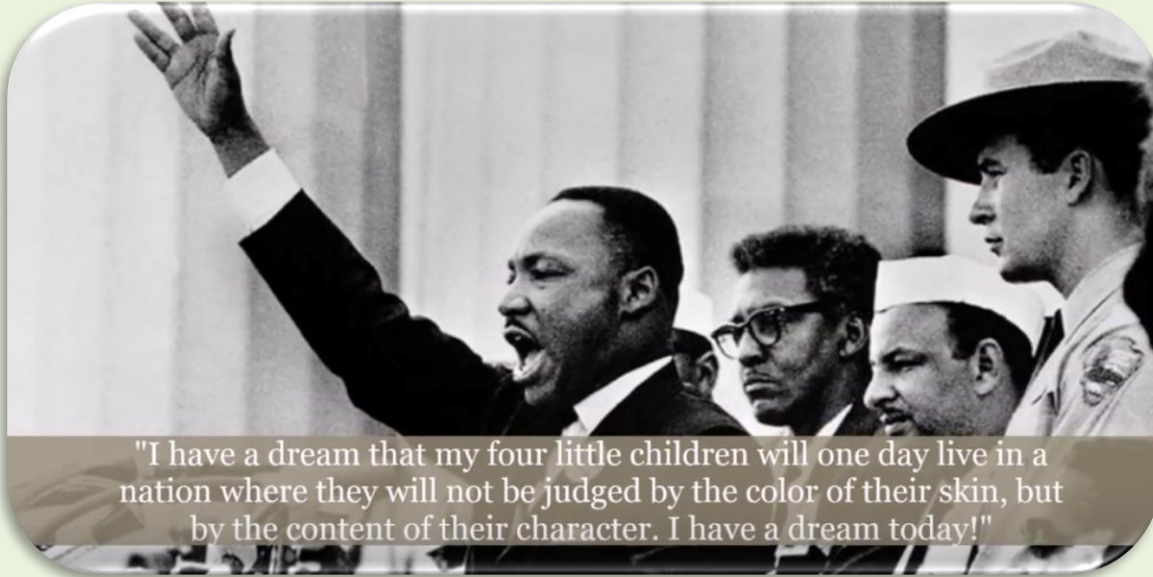


## WORKSHEET 2

A. a) Watch the video about MLK and answer the questions that appear during the showing.

b) Answer the following questions:

- What has struck you most from Martin Luther King's biography?
- Why is he still considered an important person today?



B. Listen to MLK's biography again and fill in the missing words.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1929, in **(1)** ..... Georgia. He was the second of three children, born to a Baptist preacher. At the time, less than 70 years after slavery was made **(2)** ..... in the United States, things were still hard for black Americans. Lawmakers in some places set rules to keep white and black people apart. People of different races had to use different drinking fountains, different bathrooms and had to go to different schools. The Supreme Court ruled that it was legal as long as things were separate but **(3)** .....

This was the atmosphere that young Martin Luther King grew up in. He attended a **(4)** ..... school where he did so well that he was able to graduate at the age of 15. He went to college and graduated with a degree in Sociology in 1948. He had decided to become a minister, like his father, and so he went on to study religion. On **(5)** ..... 1953, King married Coretta Scott with whom he would have four children. He continued his education and in 1954 he became a pastor in a church in Montgomery, Alabama.

In December of 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, for which she was arrested and spent the night in jail. Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders organized a boycott of the bus system. The Montgomery bus boycott lasted over a year, during which many people refused to ride the buses, resulting in the bus companies losing a lot of money.

In December of 1956 the Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to segregate buses. This was a victory for the civil rights movement and it proved that **(6)** ..... methods could create

change. However many people were upset by the changes that were happening and Martin Luther King was frequently threatened - but he never stopped calling for equality. Between 1957 and (7) ....., King worked tirelessly to promote civil rights. He travelled all over, giving thousands of speeches, writing five books and many articles. Of all his speeches, his most memorable was the / *Have a Dream* speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1963 to a listening crowd of (8) ..... people.

That year he was named Time magazine's Man of the Year and in 1964 he received the (9) ..... Prize. As a result of his efforts Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, which made segregation and discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin illegal. He gave his final speech on April 3, 1968. The next day while he was standing on his balcony MLK was (10) ..... and killed. He was 39 years old.

C. What would be a suitable title for this text?

D. Go back to Worksheet 1 and add what you've learnt.

