

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

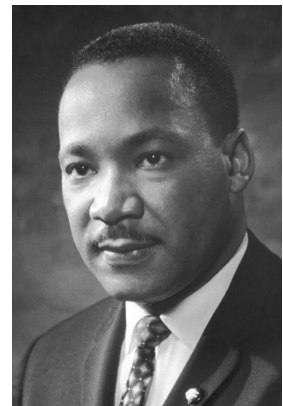
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3rd MP Extra Credit Opportunity

As we approach Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I wanted to share an opportunity for students to earn social studies extra credit. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a chance to implement Dr. King's teachings that empower students and communities. Starting the week of January 20 through the end of February, students will have the opportunity to earn extra credit by completing a project.

To earn extra credit students will "artifact" the event. For example, if you attend a rally or presentation take a picture and attach or send it to me electronically along with a written reflection of the event (what you did and what you learned). If you volunteer in the community take a picture and write a reflection of the event. If you conduct an interview or research an event during the Civil Rights Movement include a personal reflection of what was learned along with the interview or research essay. If you read a book or watch a movie include a summary and a personal reflection. See me with your idea if your not sure what to do to earn the extra credit.

I am excited for students to have the opportunity to choose a method of extra credit focused on the theme of service learning and honoring Dr. King's legacy. There will be no class time set aside for this task it is solely an independent project completed at home. There are many options with this extra credit opportunity. There is an MLive article found online that has compiled local events held in Grand Rapids. I am also including a list of other activities that could be completed; however, you are not limited to just these suggestions.



Ideas to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and earn social studies extra credit.

- Give of your time and volunteer in the community.
- Read to an audience — a local library or senior citizen center.
- Find a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement and invite them to share their story with you.
- Read I Have a Dream speech in entirety one of the most famous speeches in American history.
- Read the letter written by King while in jail, he wrote a letter explaining why he protested titled: Letter from Birmingham Jail.
- Research and learn about MLK Jr.'s life and/or The Civil Rights Movement.
- Research and learn the primary characteristics of a nonviolent protest or resistance.
- Watch the documentary on civil rights with PBS's "*Eyes on the Prize.*" (with parent permission)
- Watch the movie Selma or Ruby Bridges (with parent permission)
- If you can't visit a historical site, take a virtual tour of the National Portrait Gallery to see a rare collection photographs of Dr. King's life.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. was best known for encouraging nonviolent resistance. Travel back through time and learn about ten famous nonviolent protests in history.
- Listen to King's final speech before his assassination, I've Been To The Mountaintop.
- Read a multicultural novel - suggestions include: Unsung Heroes of Birdsong, The Dream and the Struggle Separate but Equal or Lions of Little Rock. Read a non-fiction book - suggestions include: Freedom Walkers or A Dream of Freedom

My Own Idea:

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service>