

# MLK Read for Peace Activity Guide

## Kindergarten

1. **Introduce yourself** (if you are an AmeriCorps member, make sure to say so!)
2. **Explain the agenda**
  - a. “While I’m here, we’re going to talk about an important man named Martin Luther King Jr. We’re also going to read a book together, then do a fun activity!”
3. **Brief discussion of MLK**
  - a. Martin Luther King Jr. is a very important figure in history. Does anyone know anything about MLK?
  - b. MLK was born in January 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia
  - c. At the time Martin was born, people did not believe that people of different races were equal. Because Martin was black, he was not allowed to do a lot of things with white children. He had to go to a different school, different pool, enter through different doors, and drink from different water fountains. This was not fair.
  - d. As he grew older, Martin dedicated his life to making the country a more fair place. He was dedicated to making sure people of different races were treated the same. This is called racial equality.
  - e. He made speeches, held marches, and led peaceful protests with thousands of people across the country, dedicated to his and others’ belief that all people - regardless of skin color - are created and should be treated equally.
  - f. Not everyone agreed with Dr. King, but enough people did that major changes were made across the country.
4. **Read MLK Book**
  - a. What was one thing you learned about MLK’s life?
  - b. What is one thing you can do in your life to engage in inclusive activities and/or behavior?
5. **Have discussion about connection between MLK and application to daily life**
  - a. Dr. King had big dreams to make major changes across the country. Your dreams and changes you want to see in your community are important too! You have the power to dream big or locally to make changes in your community and do the right thing.
6. **Activity**
  - a. The teacher will have pre selected an activity for the class to do with the volunteer. Use the materials provided by MTCC to administer the activity. Any craft supplies needed will be provided by the school.
7. **Say goodbye**

- a. Make sure to thank the teacher and the students for allowing you to join their class and share you appreciate their time to learn about MLK!