## READING

**A** 1. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights leader who fought against racial discrimination in America in the 1960s.

What do you know about him? Find FIVE facts about him on the internet and write them in your notebook.

2. Make sure you understand the words and expressions in the word bank below before you start reading.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| assassinate | capture | equality | passionate | raise awareness |
| award (v) | civil rights | justice | protest (n) | significant |

3. Complete the following sentences using words from the word bank above.

a. Its important to ... of global warming and the greenhouse effect.

b. He demanded …, claiming he was falsely accused.

c. There has been a … increase in the number of women breaking the glass ceiling.

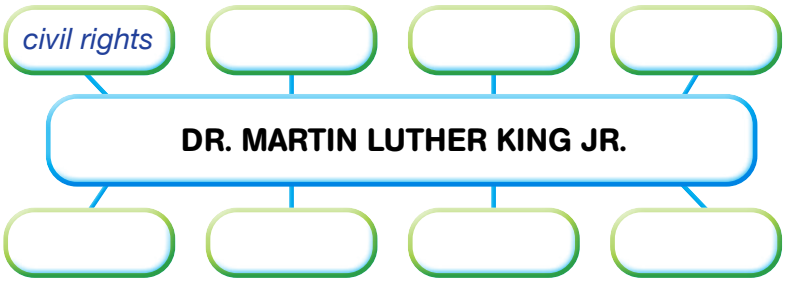
d. The president spoke against any kind of violent …

e. They promised to ... her for her exceptional discovery.

4. The expression 'civil rights' means الحقوق المدنية / זכויות אזרח. Write <u>at least</u> TWO examples of civil rights.

5. Find another meaning for the word 'civil' in your dictionary and use it in a sentence of your own.

**B** **Read the text about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Add key words to the spidergram below.**



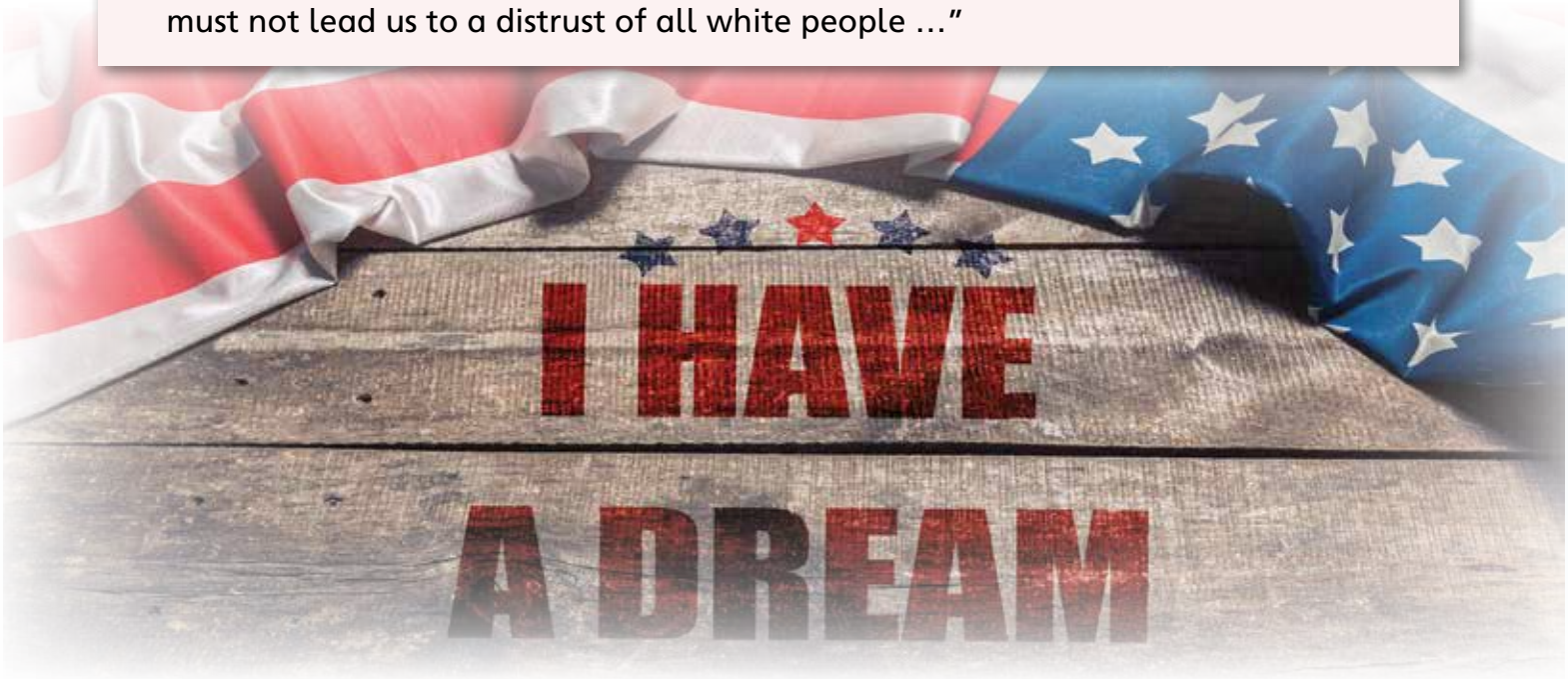
# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (1929–1968)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of America's most influential civil rights activists. His non-violent protests helped to raise awareness of racial discrimination in America, and led to significant political change. Dr. King was known for his passionate speeches that captured the imagination and hearts of people, both black and white. His most famous speech, "I Have a Dream," was given in Washington in 1963. The following year, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work toward social justice. On April 4th, 1968, he was assassinated. Since then, he has been regarded as a symbol of America's fight for justice and racial equality.

In one of his famous speeches, Dr. King said the following:

"But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold[1] which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek[2] to satisfy our thirst[3] for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness[4] and hatred[5].

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity[6] and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest[7] to degenerate[8] into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic[9] heights of meeting physical force with soul[10] force. The marvelous new militancy[11] which has engulfed[12] the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people …"




1. threshold عتبة / סף
2. seek يسعى، يطمح / לשאוף
3. thirst عطش / צמא
4. bitterness مرارة / מרירות
5. hatred كره، بغض / שנאה
6. dignity كرامة، احترام / כבוד
7. protest احتجاج / מחאה
8. degenerate يتدهور، ينحطّ / להתדרדר
9. majestic ملوكي، مهيب، جليل / מלכותי
10. soul نفس، روح / נפש, נשמה
11. militancy الروح القتالية، الروح النضالية / לוחמנות
12. engulfed غمرت / הציפה

## THINK BIG

**A** **Answer the following questions.**

1. What can we understand about Dr. King's attitude toward white people?
2. Complete the sentence: When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. refers to "wrongful deeds," he means … .
3. Copy the sentences in which Dr. King tells his people not to use violence.
4. Which phrase in the text about Dr. King proves that he himself did what he told his people to do?
5. What is the contrast between what Dr. King preached about and the way his life ended?

**B** **Find words from the text on page 99 that match the synonyms and definitions below.**

1. readiness to fight *militancy*
2. honor
3. fair treatment
4. swept up
5. the basic rights of a citizen
6. entrance
7. deteriorate, change from good to bad
8. murdered for political reasons

### PROBLEM SOLVING

When we identify a problem and have to find ways to solve it, we use the thinking skill of **Problem Solving**.

1. Have you ever come across unfair treatment?

   What did you do to solve the problem?

   Share your experience with your classmates.

   Use the thinking skill of Problem Solving.

   Words you might use:

   find out • solve • answer • explain • difficulty

2. How did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. suggest solving the problem of racial discrimination in America?

   While focusing on problem solving it is a good idea to apply this useful method:

   - make sure the problem is clearly defined
   - think of two or three possible solutions
   - examine the advantages and disadvantages of each
   - choose the best option to fit the situation