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Martin Luther King Jr. Cut-and-Paste Timeline

Directions: Read the passage below. Then cut the events and place them in the correct order on the timeline.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time, the country was segregated. Segregation is when people are separated according to groups, like racial groups. Martin was not allowed to go to the same school as white kids. He was not allowed to sit near them at restaurants. He did not like segregation, and he wanted to see a change. He became a leader.

One way that he was a leader was during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In December of 1955, the boycott began. A boycott is when people refuse to buy or use something, or go somewhere. The purpose of a boycott is to protest, or ask for something to change. This boycott began when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white person on a bus. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped organize the boycott.

Martin Luther King Jr. is known for his "I Have a Dream" speech. It was made in 1963. He was at the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" where people wanted to show support for equal rights. They wanted jobs and freedom. His speech gave people hope. The march was successful. In 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed. The law said that there would be no more racial segregation.

In 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. went to Memphis, Tennessee, to help workers who wanted changes in their jobs. While he was there, he was shot and killed. The person who killed him did not like Martin Luther King Jr.'s message.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an important leader in the United States. People all over the country were sad when he died. Now, we celebrate Dr. King in January each year. This holiday gives us the chance to honor his hard work for civil rights.

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