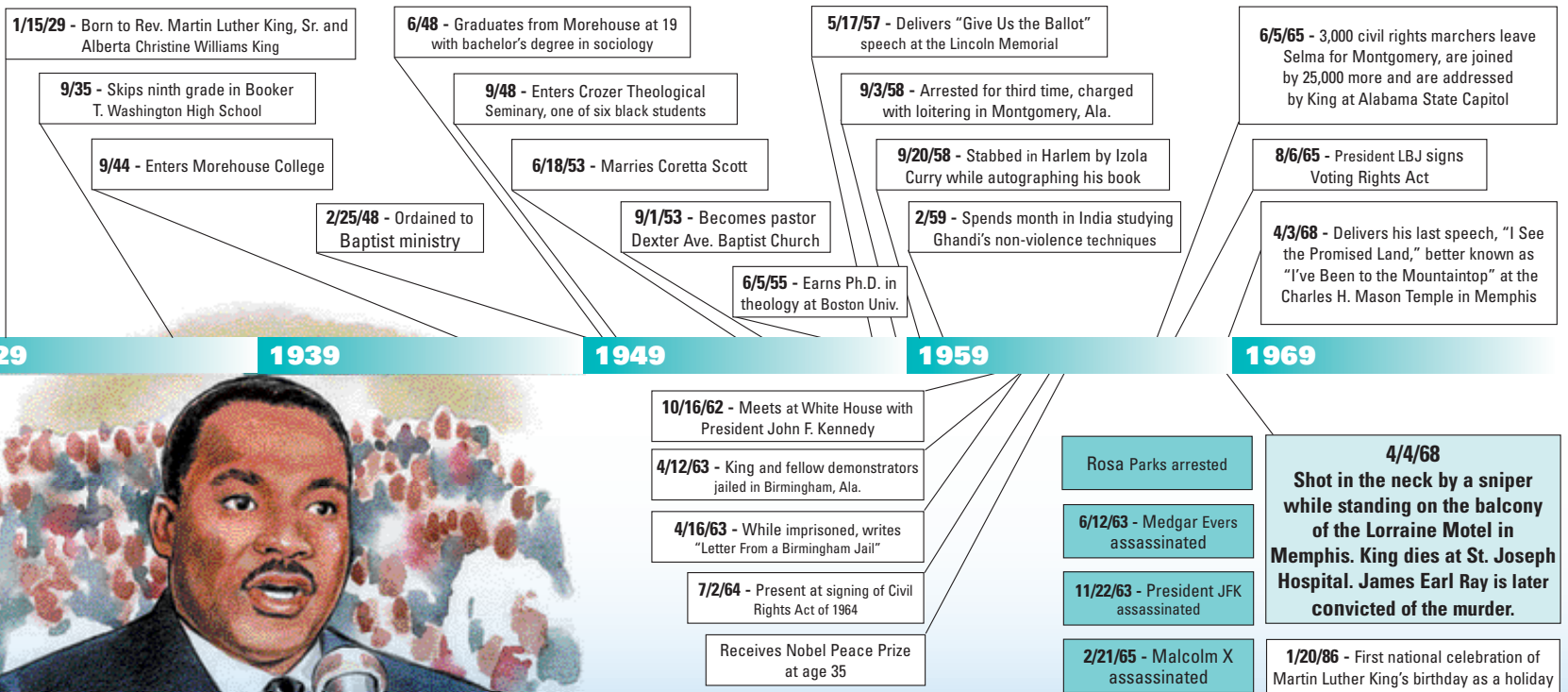


# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## *Timeline:* The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## *Vocabulary*

**assassination** (n.) The murder of a well-known person.

**boycott** (v.) An organized action in which people refuse to use or buy something until their demands are met.

**civil rights** (pl.n.) The rights to equal opportunities in all things including jobs, education and housing.

**Constitution** (n.) The written set of rules that describe how the government works and the rights of individual people in the United States.

**discrimination** (n.) When people are treated unfairly because of their race, religion or gender.

**Freedom Riders** (n.) Black and white people who traveled across the United States in buses to protest segregation.

**hate mail** (n.) Letters and parcels sent to threaten or frighten the receiver.

**integrate** (v.) When different races mix together freely.

**Jim Crow** (n.) Racial discrimination against black people. It is named after a minstrel song.

**Ku Klux Klan** (n.) A secret society of white people organized in the South who believe the white race is better than all others. The Ku Klux Klan tries to prevent black people from having any power.

**prejudice** (n.) An unreasonable low opinion of something or someone.

**racism** (n.) Disliking someone because of his or her race or color.

**rally** (v.) To gather for a common purpose.

**segregation** (n.) Separating groups of people such as black and white people.

**sit-ins** (n.) The occupation of all or part of a building by people protesting about an injustice.

**slavery** (n.) When men and women are owned by other people. Slaves have no rights to anything.

**social program** (n.) A plan to improve the living and working conditions of disadvantaged people.

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