



Martin Luther King, Jr. Lesson Plan

This lesson plan accompanies the BrainPOP topic, [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), and can be completed over several class periods.

Standards	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.1 ; CCRA.R.2 , CCRA.R.3 , CCRA.R.7 , CCRA.R.8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.4 ; RH.6-8.5 ; RH.6-8.7
Anchor Question	How have civil rights leaders, like Martin Luther King Jr., impacted people's lives?
Build Background	<p>BrainPOP Resource: Movie</p> <p>Before Watching: Activate Prior Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What makes an effective leader?● Describe a time when something someone said or did affected you?● Describe a time you felt you were treated differently for no reason. How did it feel? <p>During Watching: Discussion Prompts</p> <p>Pause at the noted timecodes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Timecode 1:16: What were Jim Crow laws? What were the consequences of breaking these laws?● Timecode 2:53: What was the outcome of the Montgomery bus boycott?● Timecode 3:41: What is King's dream in the "I Have a Dream Speech"?

**Think and Do:
Cause and Effect**

BrainPOP Resource: [Make-a-Map](#)

Students create a concept map identifying three actions or events and the effect of each on people’s lives.

➤ Scaffolding Tip: Create a partially completed Make-a-Map with an example as follows:

**Creative
Assessment**

BrainPOP Resources: [Make-a-Movie](#); [Creative Coding](#)

- ★ [Make a Concept Map](#): The Civil Rights movement has made huge strides toward equality, but has MLK’s dream been “realized”? Make a concept map identifying examples of progress as well as ways we still need to improve.
- ★ [Make-a-Movie](#): Produce a movie highlighting ways MLK Jr. led this country toward equality *and* the work still left to do.

	<p>★ MLK, Jr. Museum: Code a museum exhibit with artifacts that demonstrate how Martin Luther King, Jr. changed people's lives.</p>
Wrap Up and Synthesize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Display the Anchor Question. As students present their projects, synthesize how each connects to, or answers, the Anchor Question.● If time allows for break out groups, have students discuss on their own how their projects connect to the Anchor Question.