

Nobel Prize Lessons

Teacher's guide – Theme: Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement

This is a step-by-step timetable for a Nobel Prize Lesson – a complete lesson package about Martin Luther King Jr. The lesson package consists of four parts: a slide show with a speaker's manuscript for the teacher, six short videos, a concluding assignment and this teacher's guide.

Time required

The entire lesson package takes about three 45-minute class hours to complete. Each video is about 4 minutes long. Here is a suggestion for how you can organise this task:

- Lesson 1: Warm-up, Videos 1 and 2
- Lesson 2: Videos 3, 4 and 5
- Lesson 3: Video 6 and concluding assignment

Preparation

Make sure the slide show and the videos work in your classroom. Make copies of the student worksheet.



Warm-up

Show a photo of Martin Luther King Jr. (preferably the first photo in the slide show). Let your students discuss for a few minutes in groups what they know about King and his struggle as a leader of the American civil rights movement. Follow up in the class as a whole.



Present the slide show and screen the videos

Present the slide show with the help of the speaker's manuscript. After each video, your students should be given a few minutes to discuss the issues.



Concluding assignment

Conclude by showing your students the excerpt from King's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech. Then divide the class into small groups. Give a student worksheet to each group. The assignment is for each group, inspired by King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech, to write its own short speech and present it to the rest of the class.