**The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Legacy of a Great Man**

Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his all life in struggling for racism and racial movements in the United States. ***Martin Luther King Jr. day*** observed as a federal holiday on the third Monday of January in honoring his legacy and struggle in engaging the citizens of each community. He was an iconic figure of his era who supported various civil right movements and campaigns of a yearlong. He traveled to India and got inspired by the teachings of Indian iconic person, Mahatma Gandhi.

**MLK as a Civil Right Leader**

The first victory over racism was achieved by MLK in 1964 when the President Lyndon Johnson passed the ***Civil Rights Act*** in the United States. The Act banned all the racial discriminations in all the aspects of American life including employment, public transportation and accommodation. King was the person who signed that act into law and continued his struggle for the equal rights of the black people. He ensured that no one can deny the civil right of blacks vote casting by discriminatory practices. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his peaceful efforts.

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