

Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Historical Resource Guide



"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

March for integrated schools, April 18, 1959

Each year The Citadel honors the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by partnering with campus and community organizations to host various events such as an annual speaker series led by The Krause Center, a student-driven program hosted by the Black History Intercollegiate Consortium (BHIC) and participation in events led by the YWCA of Greater Charleston. In addition to supporting these commemorative events, immerse yourself in the resources provided in this guide to gain a better understanding and appreciation of Dr. King's contributions to equality and justice for all.



Books to Read



Here are a few books written by Dr. King and additional authors who focused on King's fight for civil rights legislation.

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"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stride Toward Freedom, 1958



States

Overview

Places to See

Alabama

King's impact was felt from the capital city of Montgomery to the Black Belt of Selma where the march for voting rights took place.

- **BIRMINGHAM:** 16th Street Baptist Church
- **MONTGOMERY:** Rosa Parks Museum; Equal Justice Initiative
- **SELMA:** National Voting & Civil Rights Institute; Edmund Pettus Bridge; Brown Chapel AME Church

Georgia

King was born, raised and educated in Atlanta. A graduate of Morehouse College, King, began preaching at Ebenezer Baptist Church after completing seminary in Boston, MA.

- **ALBANY:** Albany Civil Rights Institute
- **ATLANTA:** Center for Civil & Human Rights; The King Center; Martin Luther King, Jr. Birth Home; Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church

South Carolina & Tennessee

King began writing his "I have a Dream" speech at the Penn Center in South Carolina. He delivered his final speech in Memphis, TN, just before his assassination in 1968.

- **ST. HELENA ISLAND:** Penn Center
- **MEMPHIS:** National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel

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There's no greater way to learn than for history to come to life.

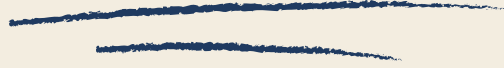
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Travel to the historic sites below to tangibly experience Dr. King's impact.

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Reflect by journaling, taking pictures and sharing your experiences with others.

Reflection



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