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KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

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1. Where did the Memphis Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial project begin?

2. What is the purpose of the Memphis Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial project?

3. How long will it take to complete the Memphis Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial project?

4. Who is the architect of the Memphis Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial project?

5. Why is the Memphis Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial project important?

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Comprehension Questions


Directions: Choose the right answer.

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The National Mall in Washington, DC, is a popular destination, featuring museums and monuments that pay tribute to influential Americans. Among these, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial stands out, honoring one of the most significant civil rights leaders in American history.



LIFE AND ACTIVISM

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, and showed exceptional academic prowess, skipping two grades in high school and entering college at the age of 15. After becoming a minister like his father, Dr. King led a boycott in segregated Montgomery, Alabama, making a lasting impact on the city's bus system and gaining national recognition as a civil rights leader.

TRAGIC ASSASSINATION

Dr. King's leadership extended to the famous March on Washington in 1963, where he delivered the iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. Despite the positive changes spurred by his activism, King faced adversity, including bombings and arrests. Tragically, he was assassinated by James Earl Ray in 1968, leaving the nation shocked and mourning.

HONORING

After Dr. King's death, people sought various ways to honor his legacy. Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a national holiday in 1986, and plans were set in motion to build a memorial on the National Mall. The winning design by the SOMA Design Group, featuring a stone coming from over 400 entries, was chosen from over 400 entries.



MONUMENT CREATION

Renowned Chinese sculptor Lei Yeh brought the design to life, meticulously carving a 69-block monument from pink granite in his studio in Changsha, China. The monument, shipped to Washington, DC, and reassembled, took over 3 1/2 years to complete. Stone carver Nick Benson added Dr. King's quotes to the monument.



Lei Yeh works on the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

DEDICATION

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial was completed in August 2011, with its dedication initially planned for August 28. However, Hurricane Irene led to a postponement until October. President Barack Obama, the first African American president, delivered a speech at the dedication. The memorial, located at 1644 Independence Avenue SW, symbolizes the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and stands between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.



EXPLORING THE MEMORIAL

Managed by the National Park Service, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial invites visitors day and night. The memorial's design considers various senses, allowing visitors to touch the granite, read Dr. King's quotes, view the sculpture, and experience the surrounding environment. The memorial aims to inspire a sense of peace and hope.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial stands as a powerful tribute to a leader whose contributions to civil rights continue to resonate.

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Comprehension Questions

Directions: Choose the right answer.

1. What is the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial a part of?
a. National Zoo
b. National Mall
c. Central Park
d. Liberty Island
2. In which city was Martin Luther King Jr. born?
a. Washington, D.C.
b. Atlanta, Georgia
c. Montgomery, Alabama
d. Memphis, Tennessee
3. Where did Martin Luther King Jr. lead a boycott of the city bus system?
a. Washington, D.C.
b. Atlanta, Georgia
c. Montgomery, Alabama
d. Memphis, Tennessee
4. Who assassinated Martin Luther King Jr.?
a. Rosa Parks
b. James Earl Ray
c. Barack Obama
d. Nick Benson
5. When was Martin Luther King Jr. Day first celebrated as a national holiday?
a. 1968
b. 1975
c. 1986
d. 1996
6. Which design group won the competition for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial?
a. ROMA Design Group
b. AECOM

Answers Key

Multiple-choice questions section

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-> Answer: b. James Earl Ray
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-> Answer: a. ROMA Design Group

Answers Key

Open-ended questions

1. Describe Martin Luther King Jr.'s role in the Montgomery bus boycott.

-> Answer: Martin Luther King Jr. led a boycott of the city bus system to protest against segregation and to demand equal rights for African Americans.

2. Explain the significance of the street address (1961 Independence Avenue SW) of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

-> Answer: The address 1961 Independence Avenue SW is significant because it is the address of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. It is also the address of the National Archives and Records Administration.

3. Detail the process of creating the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, including the role of Lei Yixin and Nick Benson.

-> Answer: The process of creating the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial involved a competition for design. The winning design was created by Lei Yixin and Nick Benson. The design was approved by the National Mall Architectural Review Board and the National Mall Design Review Board.

4. Explain the location chosen for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and its symbolic significance.

-> Answer: The location chosen for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is 1961 Independence Avenue SW. This location is significant because it is the address of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. It is also the address of the National Archives and Records Administration.

7. Where did Lei Yixin, the sculptor, create the actual monument?
a. St. Paul, Minnesota
b. Washington, D.C.
c. Baltimore, Maryland
d. Chengde, China

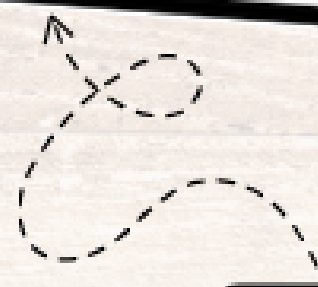
8. What material was used to carve the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial?
a. Marble
b. Pink Granite
c. Sandstone
d. Limestone

9. Who carved Dr. King's quotes on the monument?
a. Lei Yixin
b. Nick Benson
c. ROMA Design Group
d. James Earl Ray

10. Why was the dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial postponed?
a. Security concerns
b. Hurricane Irene
c. Presidential decision
d. Construction delays

Questions

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4. Explain the location chosen for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and its symbolic significance.
5. Describe the experience for visitors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, including the sensory aspects incorporated into its design.



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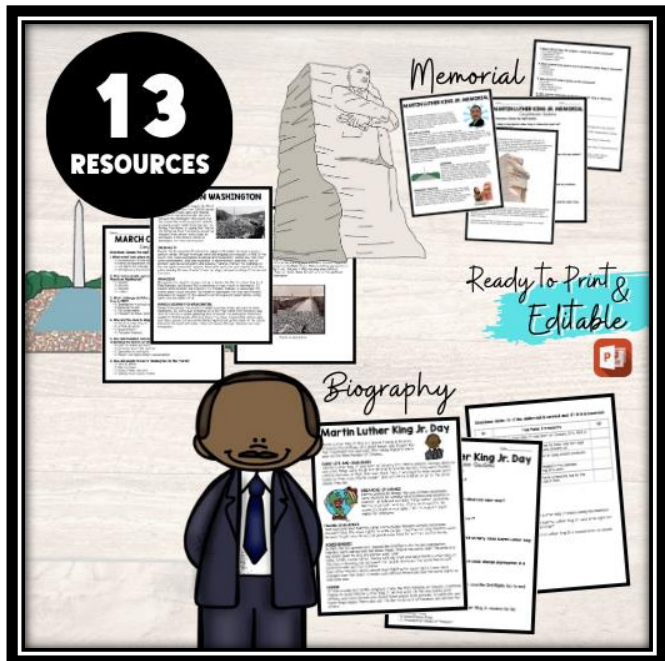
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