

FOCUS On:

Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.

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I can read about...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Do a picture walk and make some predictions with your group.
- Take turns reading pages aloud. Help others if they need it.
- Talk about why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an important leader in our country.





I can use books
to learn about...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Share the basket of books with your group.
- Work together to complete the graphic organizer.



Name: _____

What I've learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Use the books to find facts and complete the graphic organizer.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

was born in _____
(place)

Birth date: _____

Important facts about his family when he was growing up:

Education

Important events in his life as an adult:



I can practice my fluency
using books about...



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Choose a book from the basket.
- Pick a paragraph or page to practice.
- Read the selection over and over.
- Ask group members if you need help with a word.
- After practicing, fluently read your passage to your group.



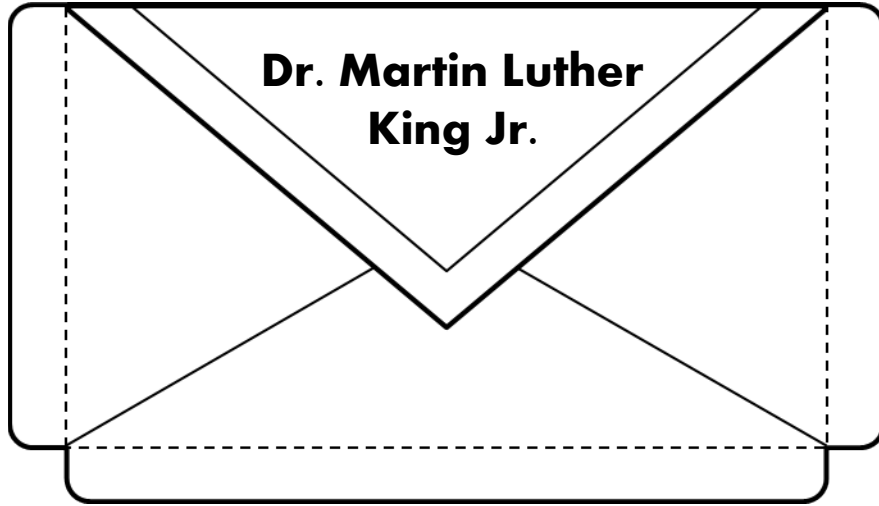


I can write about...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Use the books in the basket and what you have learned in class.
- Complete the squares using what you have learned about the character of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Cut and glue the envelope into your interactive notebook. Cut out and insert the squares into the envelope flap.





Character trait: _____

Real life example:

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Real life example:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Cut out the boxes with events of Dr. King's life. Put them on the timeline under the correct dates.

January 15,
1929

February 25,
1948

June 18,
1953

December 5,
1955

August 28,
1963

December 10,
1964

April 4,
1968

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Timeline Events

Name: _____

Making Words

Use the letters in the name below to make words. List all of the real words you think of.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



A

E

I

I

U

D

G

H

J

K

L

M

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Name: _____

What would he say?



If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were alive today, how do you think he would use social media to make a difference? Write two Facebook posts you think he would share.

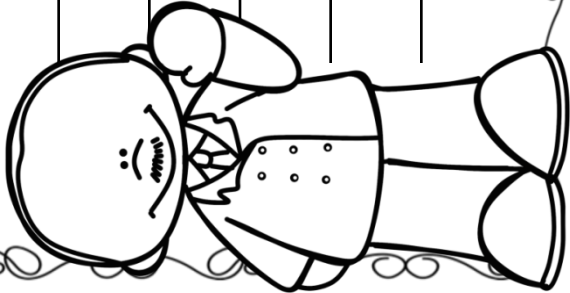
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Name: _____

Reading Response

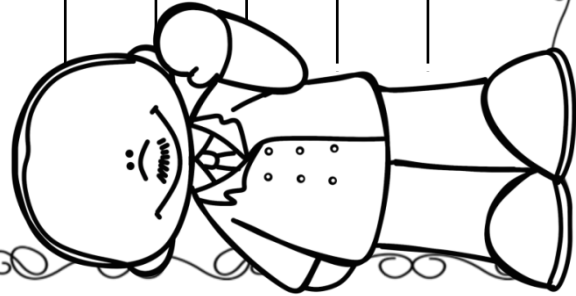
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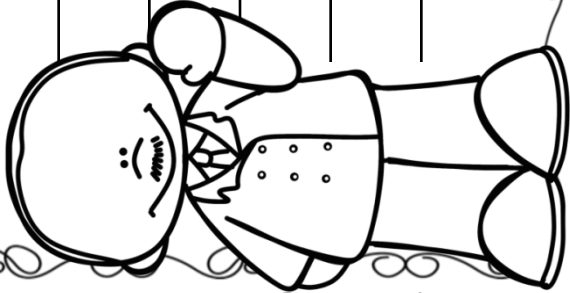
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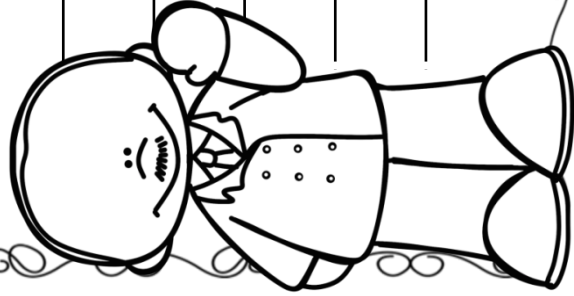
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Do

you

know

why

Dr. Martin
Luther
King, Jr.

is

famous

?

Dr. Martin
Luther
King, Jr.

fought

for

the

rights

of

all

people

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Dr. Martin
Luther
King, Jr.

led

peaceful

protests

all

over

the

country

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People

everywhere

think

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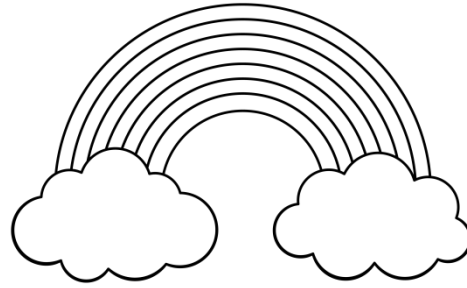
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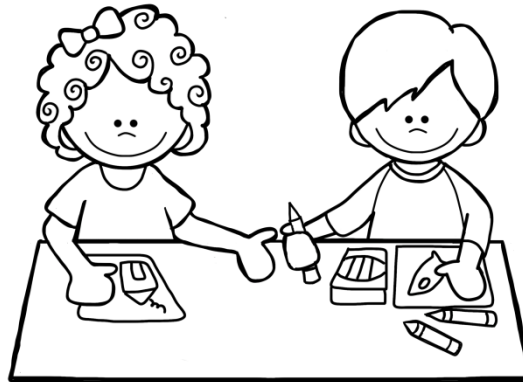
civil

rights

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Working
together
we can
make a
difference!



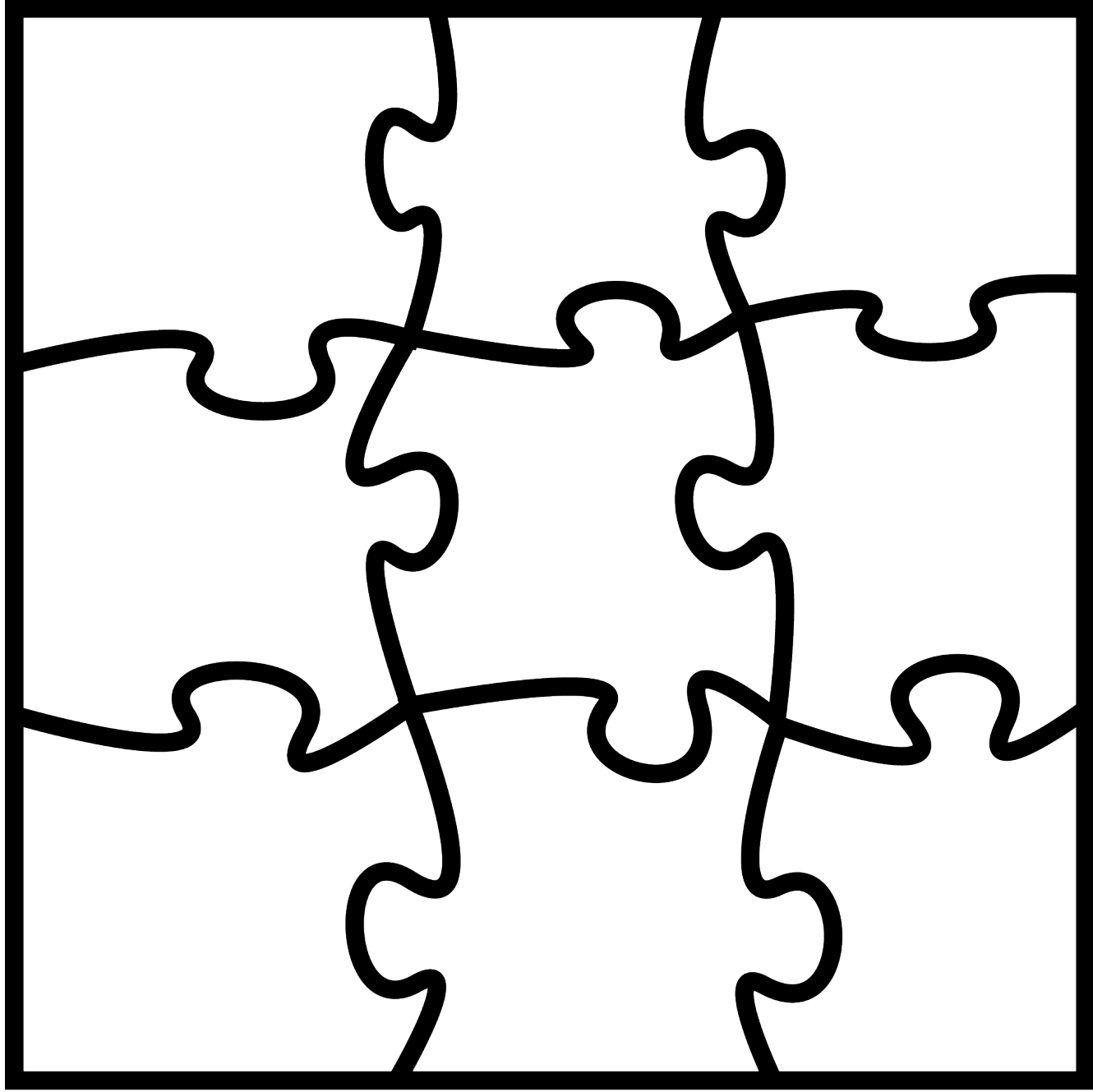
I can think about...



How to make our world a better place.

- Think of nine different ideas that you think would make our world a better place to live.
- Write each of your ideas on a different puzzle piece with a black marker.
- Lightly color the pieces with crayons or colored pencils.
- Cut out the puzzle pieces and put them in an envelope.
- Trade with a friend to read their ideas and put together their puzzle.



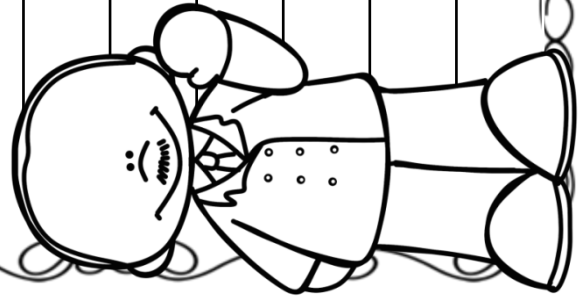


Name: _____

Directions & title here

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15 vertical lines for writing.



A decorative border with a repeating scroll pattern surrounds the page. The interior contains 15 vertical lines for writing, with a wider margin on the left side.

