

Introduction on MLK that uses a quotation:

Martin Luther King, leader of the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's, once said that, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." King was an exceptional leader because he not only believed this but he lived it out in his daily life. His focus on light and love, which for him included a focus on faith and nonviolence, led to a revolutionary movement that literally changed our world.

Introduction on MLK that uses an anecdote:

In 1946, Martin Luther King, the eventual leader of the Civil Rights movement, was anything but a leader. He was an unmotivated student who, although attending college two years early at 15, was simply drifting by. He questioned the wisdom of religion and felt incredibly uncomfortable with any emotion shown during worship services. To his father's dismay, he chose not to enter the ministry and instead wanted to focus on other pursuits. It's unimaginable today but MLK almost didn't become a minister and, if he hadn't, would probably have never become the man we revere today, the passionate minister who changed our world and did more for eliminating racism than anyone else in history. Thankfully, King only drifted by for a short time. In his junior year of college, he took a Bible course that led him to deepen his faith and commit to full-time ministry. It was a ministry that quite literally changed the world. King's faith and his abiding commitment to nonviolence changed our world drastically for the better.

Introduction on MLK that uses a question:

What would the world be like if Martin Luther King had never existed? He lived in a very dark world where opportunities for African Americans, especially in the South, were extremely limited. African Americans were forced to live with sub-par schools, sub-par housing, and sub-par jobs. Until Martin Luther King came and shook up the United States like nothing else before. With his passionate

preaching, extreme commitment to nonviolence, and an abiding faith in the goodness of humanity, he quite literally shamed the world into changing into a better tomorrow. Without his existence, it's possible that Jim Crow laws would still rule in the South and Barack Obama could never have become president. We owe King a huge debt of gratitude for the life he lived and the impact it had for our world today.