



The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first rose to national attention leading the boycott of public transportation in Montgomery, Alabama after the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. As the boycott proved, Dr. King believed the best way to fight discrimination was through something he called Civil Disobedience...or peaceful protest. Dr. King led dozens of peaceful protests against segregation and racial discrimination—even becoming the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his work—until his death in April of 1968 at the hands of a white escaped convict named James Earl Ray. Immediately, in over 100 cities across America rioting broke out. Stores were looted and burned and dozens of people were injured or killed.

1. What do the riots of 1968 have in common with the Baltimore riot of 2015?
2. How did Dr. King first come to national attention?
3. Why is Civil Disobedience a more effective way to fight for Civil Rights?
4. Who killed Dr. King?
5. What effects did the assassination of Dr. King have on America?
6. Video: What was Martin Luther King Jr. doing when a demented black woman tried and failed to kill him in New York City?
7. Video: What did the girl from the White Plains High School say to Dr. King?
8. Video: Why was Dr. King's plane delayed?
9. Video: Why would a picture of President Obama be a part of this slideshow?