

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Objectives:

Students will learn about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and will reflect on the importance of his work in the Civil Rights Movement.

Materials:

- "Martin's Big Words" by Doreen Rappaport (picture book)
- "Markers and paper

Instruction:

Read the picture book "Martin's Big Words" to the class, focusing on the big words that Dr. King used in his speeches and how they related to his message of justice and equality.

Have students brainstorm a list of qualities that made Dr. King a good leader (e.g. courage, persistence, fairness).

Have students choose one of the big words from "Martin's Big Words" and create a poster or drawing that illustrates the meaning of the

Closure:

As a class, discuss the impact that Dr. King had on the Civil Rights Movement and on society as a whole. Have students brainstorm ways that they can make a positive impact in their own communities and work towards justice and equality.

Extension:

Have students research other notable figures from the Civil Rights Movement and create a class timeline or display featuring their contributions.