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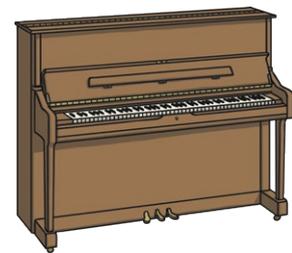
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USA

Wales

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his skin colour

his job

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Did You Know?

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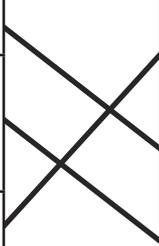
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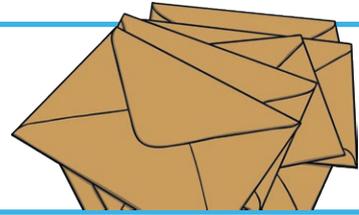
African-Americans were not allowed to go to schools with white children. They had to go to separate schools but these schools didn't have many resources to help with their learning.

Martin Luther King was a Christian and a civil rights activist. He wanted everyone to be treated in the same way.

In 1963, Martin Luther King led a huge march in Washington DC, the US capital. In front of the enormous crowd, Martin Luther King made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Here is a short piece of that speech:

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Every January, there is an American national holiday to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday.



Did You Know?

It is because of Martin Luther King, and others like him, that the law was changed to state that everyone in America had the same rights, regardless of skin colour. The law was also changed so that everyone could vote.



Did You Know?

Martin Luther King was only 39 years old when he died.

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the drums

board games

sports

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Children's own responses.