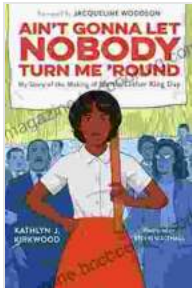


My Story Of The Making Of Martin Luther King Day



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In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law that established Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday. The holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of January each year, and it is a day to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Dr. King was a civil rights leader who fought for equality for all Americans. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. He became a minister in the Baptist church, and he began his civil rights work in the 1950s.

Dr. King's most famous campaign was the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. Dr. King led the boycott of the Montgomery buses for over a year, and the boycott eventually led to the desegregation of the buses.

Dr. King also led the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. The march was a massive demonstration for civil rights, and it helped to bring about the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Dr. King was assassinated in 1968, but his legacy continues to live on. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to remember his life and work, and it is a day to celebrate the progress that has been made in the fight for civil rights.

The Making of Martin Luther King Day

The movement to create a national holiday to honor Dr. King began in the 1960s. In 1968, the year after Dr. King's assassination, Representative John Conyers of Michigan introduced a bill to establish a national holiday in his honor.

The bill was not passed into law, but the movement continued to grow. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation designating the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. However, the holiday was not made a permanent federal holiday until 1983.

The making of Martin Luther King Day was a long and difficult process. However, the holiday is now a permanent part of the American calendar, and it is a day to celebrate the life and legacy of one of the most important figures in American history.

The Importance of Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Day is an important holiday because it is a day to remember the life and work of Dr. King. Dr. King was a champion of civil rights, and he fought for equality for all Americans.

Martin Luther King Day is also a day to celebrate the progress that has been made in the fight for civil rights. However, there is still much work to be done. Discrimination and racism still exist in America, and we must continue to work to create a more just and equal society.

Martin Luther King Day is a day to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future. It is a day to remember the life and work of Dr. King, and it is a day to recommit ourselves to the fight for civil rights.

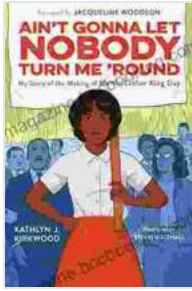
How to Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

There are many ways to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Here are a few ideas:

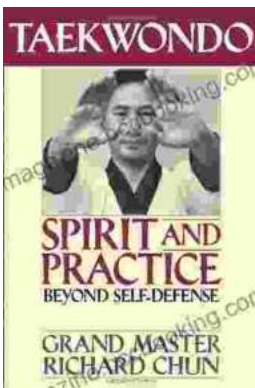
- Attend a church service or community event that honors Dr. King.
- Volunteer your time to a civil rights organization.
- Read a book or watch a movie about Dr. King.
- Visit the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Reflect on the life and work of Dr. King, and recommit yourself to the fight for civil rights.

Martin Luther King Day is a day to remember, celebrate, and recommit. It is a day to honor the life and work of Dr. King, and it is a day to continue the fight for civil rights.

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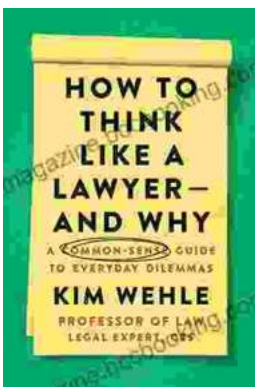


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