



Martin's Big Words
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Mentor: Sentence Focus: Standard L.1 (prepositional phrases)

Reading Lesson Ideas

R.1. Students can infer what it was like for Martin growing up.

R.2. Have students summarize and tell the theme of the book.

R.3. Students explain Martin (thoughts, words, actions).

R.4. Students use context clues to determine the meaning of higher-level words (for example: protested) from the book.

R.4. L.5. Students interpret the phrase in the book and tell how it contributes to the meaning of the book.

R.6. Students think about and discuss how point of view shaped this book.

R.7. Watch Martin's speech and students can discuss/write what they think are his "biggest words."

<http://www.teachertube.com/video/i-have-a-dream-speech-20916>

R.8. Read My Brother Martin by Christine King Farris and talk about the similarities between the books about Martin's life.

Writing Lesson Ideas

W.1. W.2. Students can tell what was most important about Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Monday - possibilities of things to notice
*prepositional phrases
prepositional phrases act as introduction-"setting the scene"
proper nouns - December, Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks
past tense
simple sentence
descriptive
commas

Tuesday - label the sentence
In 1955 - adverb → also called an adverbial
on, from, in (only the one before Montgomery) - prepositions
day, home, work - nouns
a - article
cold, December - adjectives
Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks - proper nouns
was - helping verb
coming - verb

In 1955 on a cold December day in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks was coming home from work.
complete subject complete predicate
simple subject simple predicate

Wednesday - possibility of revised sentence

In 1955 on a chilly December day in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks was traveling home from work.
(changed adjective and verb)

Thursday - possibility of imitation sentence

In 2015 on a hot June day in Boston, Massachusetts, my brother graduated from college.

discover citizens

blistering protested

convinced segregation

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PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES
do NOT contain a verb. Cut out the activity and put glue only behind the left strip. Cut across so there are eight flaps. Write sentences with the prepositional phrases under the flaps with the prepositions on each flap.

in
on
from
to
during
with
of
over

Name: _____ Date: _____
Editing Assessment
in 1955 on a cold december day in Montgomery, alabama, Rosa Parks was coming home from work
1. Circle 4 mistakes in the sentence. Name: Answer Key Date: _____
Editing Assessment
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2. What are the prepositions in the mentor sentence?
Highlight the prepositions in the mentor sentence?
in on from

States
so to get Highlight the prepositions in the following sentences:
bus so he 3. His mother said these signs were in all Southern cities
them and and towns in the United States.
4. A white man told Rosa to get up
o the proble from her seat on the bus so he could sit.
5. Martin walked with them and talked
with them...
6. Love is the key to the problems of the wor

NAME: ANSWER KEY Date: _____
FINISH THE SENTENCE
Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word.
discovered citizens blistering
protested convinced segregation
In 1954, a law was passed that made segregation in
schools illegal, however it was still difficult for black children to

attend white schools. The schools they
proper supplies or facilities, and the bla
the south would sometimes get sick due
heat and humidity. Sadly, it didn't matte
citizens of their town, they we
white schools. Even though many white
Ruby Bridges was the first black girl to
Elementary School in Louisiana. She dis
that Ms. Henry was the only teacher wt
her. However, no one convinced h
shouldn't go to school, and she finished

NAME: ANSWER KEY Date: _____
ANALOGIES
Analogies show relationships between two words. Think of how the words are related on one side to solve the other side of the analogy.
Example: prejudice : acceptance :: hatred : tolerance
Prejudice is to acceptance as hatred is to tolerance.
(Prejudice is the opposite of acceptance and hatred is the opposite of tolerance.)
citizens : people :: wildlife :
blistering : heat :: freezing : cold
segregation : of segregation :: separate : together
teach : demonstrate :: learn : discover
prevent : discourage :: persuaded : convinced
fists : words :: fought : protested
Create your own analogies using vocabulary words.
answers will vary

Name: Possible Answers Date: _____
Martin's Big Words
Describe Martin's character through his thoughts, words, and actions:
thoughts
Violence was not the answer.
All people could live peacefully together.
words
"I have a dream that one day..."
actions
walked, talked, and prayed with protestors
spoke against segregation

Name: _____ Date: _____
Martin's Big Words
What do you think are Martin's BIGGEST words from his I Have a Dream speech? Write down some important things you hear

NAME: ANSWER KEY Date: _____
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1. Circle the word that completes the sentence correctly.
Citizens of the town of Grateville live in out of the town.
2. What could you discover if you dug in the sand at the beach?
accept reasonable answers, such as shells, crabs, etc.
3. Which word is the SYNONYM of convinced?
a. doubted b. persuaded c. learned
4. Which picture most likely shows someone in blistering temperatures?
a. b. c.
5. Why do people protest?
accept reasonable answers, such as wanting things to change
6. Which word is the ANTONYM of segregation?
a. mixing b. separating c. discrimination