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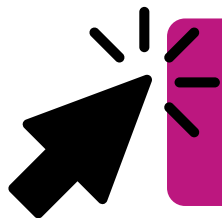
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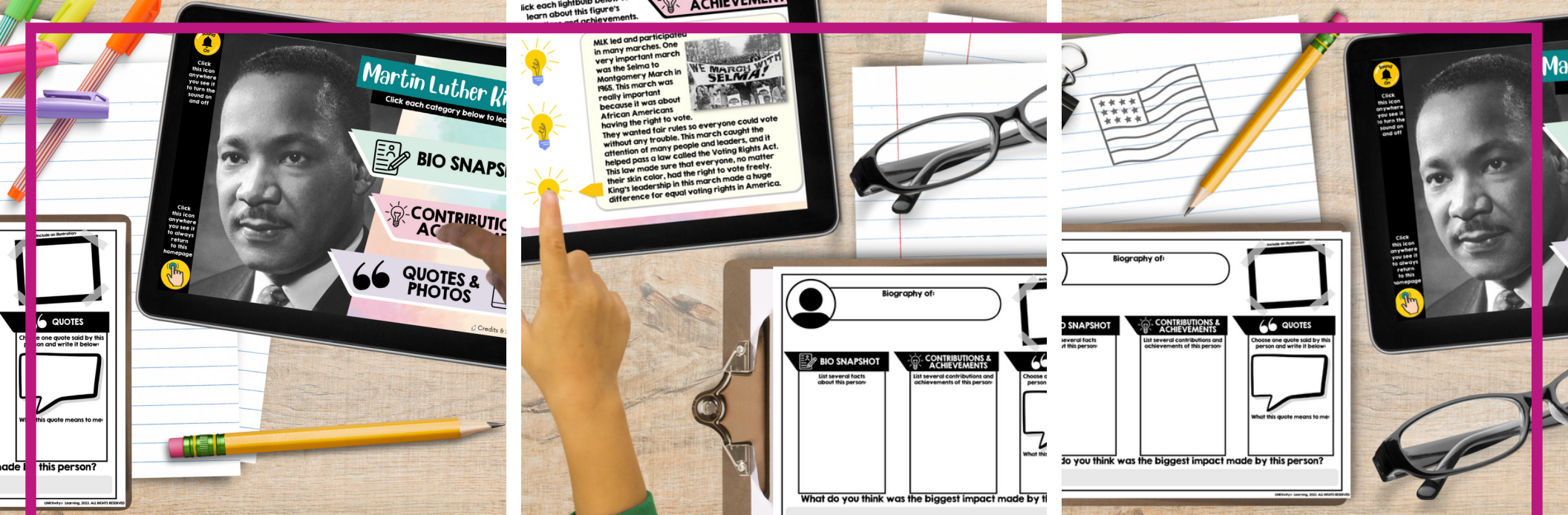
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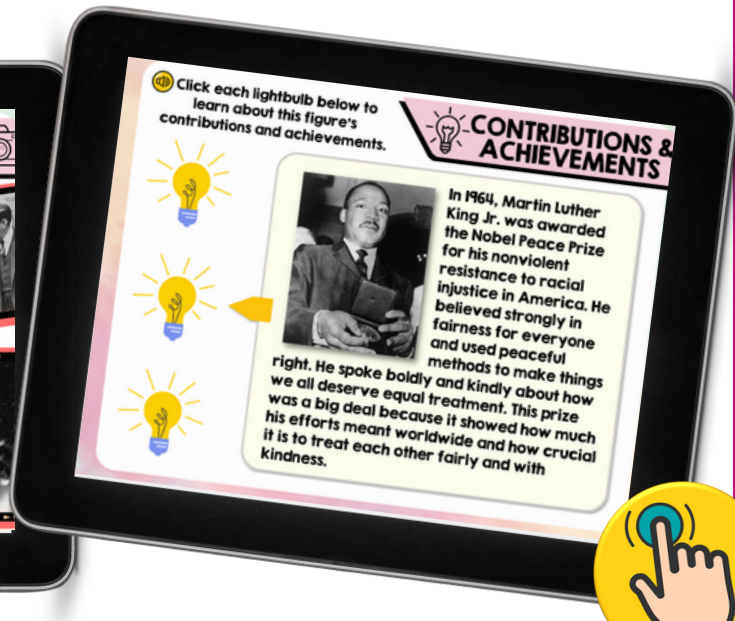


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Martin Luther King Jr. was a pivotal figure in the American civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. He played a key role in organizing nonviolent protests, marches, and motivating speeches. King's tireless efforts and commitment to the principles of equality and justice earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Tragically, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, but his legacy lives on as a symbol of the ongoing struggle for civil rights and equality worldwide. In this Mini-Biography LINKtivity, students will learn how King's life made a significant impact in the Civil Rights movement, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire and influence others around the world.



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EARLY LIFE
 Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Growing up, he saw the harsh realities of racial segregation in the South, where Black people were treated unfairly because of their skin color. His family taught him the values of equality and justice, which would shape his life's work. King was a bright student and skipped both ninth and twelfth grades before entering Morehouse College at just 15 years old.

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 King's experiences with racial discrimination throughout his life deeply impacted him, and he felt a calling to stand up against injustice. After studying theology (study of religion), he became a minister and dedicated himself to fighting for civil rights using nonviolent methods. He was inspired by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, another famous leader against injustice.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER
 MLK became an incredible leader who played a huge role in making sure everyone had equal rights. He organized marches, made many speeches, and carried out nonviolent protests to help African Americans to be treated fairly. His famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 was a powerful moment where he shared his dream of a world where skin color didn't matter for how people were treated. King also pushed for laws that made it illegal to treat people differently because of their race, like the Civil Rights Act. He showed that using peaceful ways, like powerful words and nonviolent protests, could make a big and important change in the world. Tragically, MLK was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he had been supporting sanitation workers striking for better wages and working conditions. His death was a profound loss for the Civil Rights Movement and the world. Today, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we honor his legacy by promoting equality, practicing compassion, and serving our communities in the spirit of his inspiring messages. His message of hope, peace, and equality continues to inspire others.




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Martin Luther King Jr. was an incredible speaker, and he gave many important speeches. One of the most special ones happened in 1963 during the March on Washington. There, in front of a huge crowd of approximately 250,000 people, he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. It was all about equality, jobs, and freedom for everyone. His words were very heartfelt and powerful.

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In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial injustice in America. He believed strongly in fairness for everyone and used peaceful methods to make things right. He spoke boldly and kindly about how we all deserve equal treatment. This prize was a big deal because it showed how much his efforts meant worldwide and how crucial it is to treat each other fairly and with kindness.

QUOTES & PHOTOS

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.



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I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.



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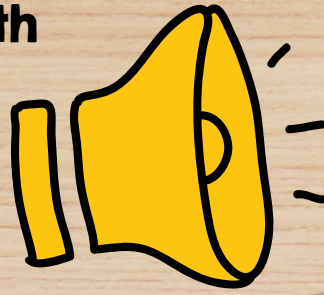
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MLK led and participated in many marches. One very important march was the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965. This march was really important because it was about African Americans having the right to vote. They wanted fair rules so everyone could vote without any trouble. This march caught the attention of many people and leaders, and it helped pass a law called the Voting Rights Act. This law made sure that everyone, no matter their skin color, had the right to vote freely. King's leadership in this march made a huge difference for equal voting rights in America.




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Student & Teacher Resources

Recording Sheet for LINKtivity

Lesson Plan

LESSON

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is a biography?
Who is (specific person) and what makes him/her unique?



Note: This lesson plan can be used with any mini-biography LINKtivity.

Standards Covered

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Materials Needed

Biography LINKtivity®
KWL student sheet
Biography student sheet (optional)
Chart paper/markers OR SMARTboard/Whiteboard

Teacher Preparation

Preview the mini-biography(ies) that you have selected for your students. Plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc). Prepare a KWL chart on chart paper or SMARTboard/whiteboard. Print the KWL and biography student sheets.

Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

- Introduce the essential questions.
- Introduce the person(s) your students will be exploring and provide each student with a **KWL student sheet**.
- **ASK:** What do you know about this person? What do you want to know about this person?
- Have students complete the first two columns of the chart. Note: If your whole class is exploring the same person, you can complete this chart together on a SMARTboard/whiteboard. If each student is completing a different person, have them complete a KWL for their specific person.

Lesson Activity (20 mins)


Have students complete a **Biography LINKtivity**, either one assigned to them or of their own selection. While navigating the LINKtivity, students have the option to complete the **biography student sheet**.


Optional Extension Activities

- Take virtual field trips to museums, historical sites, or places related to the person's life using a tool like Google Earth.
- Have students record a podcast episode about their person.
- Host a wax museum event where students dress up and take on the persona of their chosen individual to educate others.

Lesson Conclusion (2-5 min.)


Review essential questions and have students share their responses in light of what they have learned. Have students complete the final column of their KWL chart (what I learned).

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