NSDAR Educational Resources Committee



"Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance"

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1. Identify the standards to be addressed:

Tennessee Standards: 2.29 Examine the significant contributions made by people of the U.S. including Martin Luther King, Jr.;

CCSS ELA-Literacy.SL22 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

2. Statement of the objective and lesson outcomes:

Students will be able to state 3 contributions or key ideas attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. Materials, resources, and technology to be used by teacher/students:

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.' by Doreen Rappaport and Illustrated by Bryan Collier; Bing Internet pictures of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the memorial in Washington, D.C.; Color sheets provided by ActivityVillage.co.uk or also free downloadable color sheets from Teachers Pay Teachers; Assessment worksheet is attached.

4. Introduction of the topic:

On or near the date of observing this holiday, show a picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the memorial in Washington, D.C. Begin a chart on what the children already know about him. Ask the following questions: Who was this man? What do you want to learn? Why do you think we observe a holiday named after him?

5. Procedure for instruction:

Read 'Martin's Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.' This is an exceptional children's book that has received multiple awards. After reading, revisit chart on what they have learned.

6. Lesson closure:

Ask students, "What were some of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions to our country? List answers on chart. Students will complete a color sheet from ActivityVillage.co.uk or from Teachers Pay Teachers.

7. Assessment of Understanding:

Students will list 3 contributions or key ideas attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr. on worksheet attached.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



State three (3) key ideas about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Key Idea		
Key Idea		
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