

Martin Luther King Jr. Vocabulary

1. **Demonstration** - a public display of group feelings (usually of political nature)
2. **Symbolic** - a visible symbol of something abstract
3. **Emancipation** - freeing someone from the control of another
4. **Proclamation** - a formal public statement
5. **Momentous** - something very significant
6. **Decree** - a legally binding command
7. **Sear** - become superficially burned
8. **Wither** - lose freshness or vitality
9. **Injustice** - the practice of being unjust or unfair
10. **Manacle** - shackle that consists of a metal loop that can be locked around the wrist; usually used in pairs (handcuffs for your ankles)
11. **Segregation** - a social system that provides separate facilities for minority groups
12. **Discrimination** - unfair treatment of a person or group
13. **Languish** - have a desire for something or someone who is not present
14. **Exile** - a person who is expelled from home or country
15. **Dramatize** - represent something in a dramatic manner
16. **Appalling** - horrible
17. **Architect** - someone who designs and builds
18. **Republic** - a political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them
19. **Constitution** - law determining the fundamental political principles of a government
20. **Declaration** - a formal public statement
21. **Heir** - a person who is entitled by law to inherit the estate of another
22. **Inalienable** - permanent and unchanging right
23. **Pursuit** - chase
24. **Default** - fail to pay up
25. **Sacred** - holy or very special
26. **Obligation** - a promise to repay a debt or a duty
27. **Insufficient** - not enough
28. **Refuse** - deny
29. **Bankrupt** - financially ruined
30. **Hallowed** - sacred
31. **Urgency** - important, requiring speedy action
32. **Desolate** - where nothing can grow
33. **Underestimate** - not valued

34. **Determination** - a dedication to achieve something
35. **Swelter** - be uncomfortably hot
36. **Discontent** - restless longing
37. **Invigorating** - imparting strength and vitality
38. **Rude** - socially incorrect behaviour
39. **Tranquility** - a state of peace and quiet
40. **Rant** - let have
41. **Grant** - Let have
42. **Foundation** - The basis on which something is grounded
43. **Threshold** - The space that a door can close
44. **Deed** - Something that people can do or cause to happen
45. **Conduct** - Manage or control
46. **Dignity** - The quality of being worthy of esteem or respect
47. **Degenerate** - Grow worse
48. **Majestic** - Having or displaying great dignity or nobility
49. **Engulf** - Flow over or cover completely
50. **Destiny** - An event (or a course of events) that will inevitably happen in the future
51. **Inextricably** - In an inextricable manner
52. **Bound** - Secured with a cover or binding; often used as a combining form
53. **Pledge** - Promise solemnly and formally
54. **Devotee** - An ardent follower and admirer
55. **Civil** - Of or occurring within the state or between or among citizens of the state
56. **Fatigue** - Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work
57. **Mobility** - The quality of moving freely
58. **Ghetto** - A poor densely populated city district occupied by a minority ethnic group linked together by economic hardship and social restrictions
59. **Righteousness** - Adhering to moral principles
60. **Stream** - Something that resembles a flowing stream in moving continuously