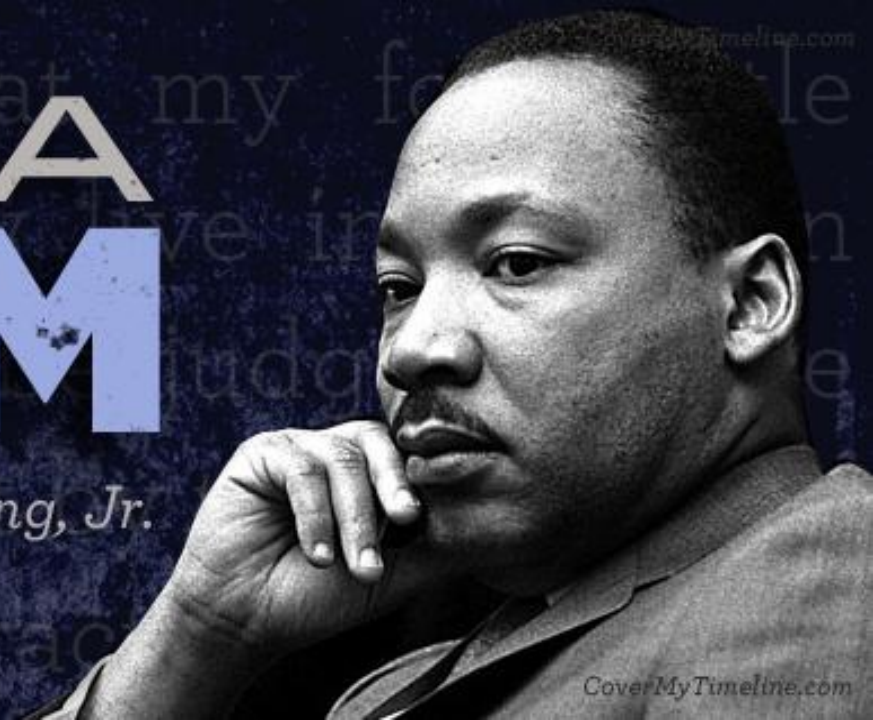


*SLAVERY: A HISTORICAL STUDY  
OF THE CONDITION OF BLACK  
AMERICAN*

*I have a dream that my four little  
children will one day live in a nation  
where they will not be judged by the  
color of their skin.*

**I HAVE A  
DREAM**

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*



# INTRODUCTION

- ◉ *Discrimination in the name of caste, color, race, political ideology, etc. has been a recurrent phenomena of human civilization.*
- ◉ *The discrimination of the black was widely practiced in the USA.*
- ◉ *The history of resistance is as old as the history of discrimination.*
- ◉ *In this brief study the primary focus is on Historical survey of black slavery with particular focus on the struggle and speech of most powerful orator Martin Luther King.*

# OBJECTIVES

*The study aims :*

- ◉ *To give historical background of black slavery of USA*
- ◉ *To identify the causes of Civil War and its relations with struggle of resistance of slavery*
- ◉ *To give general picture of life and struggle of Martin Luther King*
- ◉ *To analyze his speech “I have a Dream” and*
- ◉ *To show the present condition of Black Americans.*

# METHODOLOGY

- ◉ *This study is primarily descriptive and library based study.*
- ◉ *It tries to describe the historical condition of American Black by tracing the possible causes of such condition.*
- ◉ *The relevant historical documents, records and literatures are studied and analyzed for the purpose of the study.*
- ◉ *Besides the supervisor's, guideline is also taken as a source of inspiration for the study.*

## *DELIMITATION:*

- ◉ *Martin Luther King's life, struggle and contribution for the equality, justice and liberty of the black are give due importance.*
- ◉ *The historical situation of slavery, civil war of the USA are also dealt in brief.*
- ◉ *The other freedom fighters' contributions and other causes of civil war such as economic, colonial expansion are not included in the area of this study.*
- ◉ *The present condition of the black American is dealt in brief.*

# HISTORY OF SLAVERY I

- ◉ Slavery in America began in 1619 when first African slaves were brought to North American Colony of Jamestown.
- ◉ They were brought to aid in production of such lucrative crops as tobacco throughout the American colonies in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries.
- ◉ After 1619, when a Dutch ship brought 20 Africans ashore at the British colony, slavery spread throughout the American colonies

# HISTORY OF SLAVERY II

- ◉ Some historians have estimated that 6 to 7 million slaves were imported to the New World during the 18th century alone.
- ◉ By the mid-19th century, the bloody American Civil War started that tore the nation apart and 4 million African slaves were freed.
- ◉ The legacy of slavery continued to influence American history, from the tumultuous years of Reconstruction to the civil rights movement that emerged in the 1960s, a century after emancipation.



# CIVIL WAR AND EMANCIPATION

- Civil war started from (1861-65) when republican candidate Abraham Lincoln was elected as President.
- The main cause of civil war was Lincoln's antislavery view of abolishing slavery.
- Five days after the bloody Union victory, Lincoln issued a preliminary emancipation proclamation, he made it official that "slaves within any State, or designated part of a State...in rebellion,...shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."



# CIVIL WAR AND EMANCIPATION

- By freeing some 4 million black slaves in the rebel states, some 186,000 black soldiers joined the Union Army and 38,000 lost their lives. The total number of dead at war's end was 620,000 (out of a population of some 35 million), making it the costliest conflict in American history.

# LEGAL EMANCIPATION

- ◉ Slavery was officially abolished in 1865.
- ◉ Former slaves received the rights of citizenship and the “equal protection” of the Constitution in 1868 and the right to vote in 1870.

# BIOGRAPHY AND STRUGGLE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- ◉ **Martin Luther King, Jr.** (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968) was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.
- ◉ King became a civil rights activist early in his career and helped to organize the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.
- ◉ In 1953, King completed his doctorate level in "Systematic theology" at Boston University.

# BIOGRAPHY AND STRUGGLE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- ◉ While in Boston he met Coretta Scott and got married in 1953 and they had four children: Yolanda Denise King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King and Bernice Albertan King.
- ◉ On October 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolence and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.
- ◉ In 1968, he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, by a man called James Earl Ray.

# MARCH ON WASHINGTON, 1963

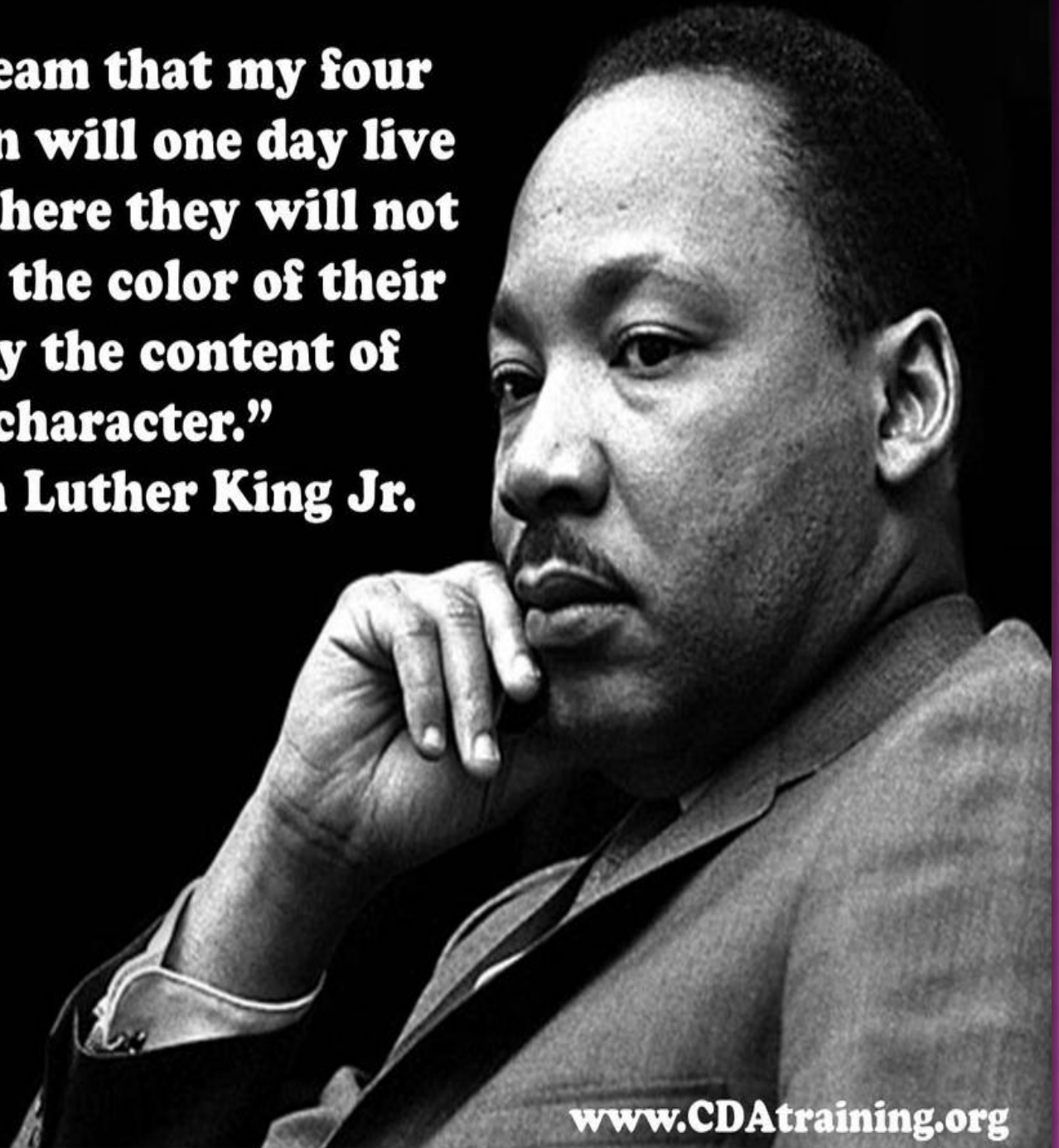
- On August 28, 1963 commemorating the centennial of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation Freeing the slaves, Martin Luther King with other black leaders, led the march of 200,000 persons black and white from Washington Monument to Lincoln Memorial. Before this throng and to millions who watched on television, he delivered unforgettable speech "I have a Dream".

# I HAVE A DREAM

○ Video

**“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”**

**- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**





# SUMMARY OF “ I HAVE A DREAM”

- “I have A Dream’ is an unforgettable speech delivered by Martin Luther King to millions of American blacks and whites on August 28, 1963.
- This speech represents the hopes and dreams of all American blacks who have been struggling for their rights and freedom.
- Luther king addresses the American Blacks and says that they should continue their struggle until they establish equality, peace and brotherhood in America.

# SUMMARY OF “I HAVE A DREAM”

- ◉ By being non- violent, Luther king hopes that one day; the chains of hatred, racial discrimination, injustice and Inequalities will be broken. The new sun will rise with the rays of liberty, equality, peace and brotherhood.
- ◉ Luther King says that his dream is the dream of America. His dream is the dream of freedom, justice and equality.
- ◉ All the blacks and whites will walk together joining hands as brother and sister. At last, not only blacks, all the American people will be free. There will be sweet music of liberty, justice and equality all over America.

# BLACK AMERICANS : PAST & PRESENT

- ◉ Black Americans have faced many problems in the past and black Americans and other racial groups have been discriminated against and enslaved.
- ◉ Black Americans could not work, live, shop, eat, or travel where they wanted.
- ◉ They couldn't vote, they were forced to go to separate schools and were also excluded from universities.
- ◉ A large majority of blacks lived in poverty.
- ◉ Many years have passed since those times and today the situation is very different. In education, many blacks receive college degree from universities that used to exclude them.

# BLACK AMERICANS : PAST & PRESENT

- ◉ Black Americans have also experienced changes at work. They are often offered more professional and managerial jobs.
- ◉ In politics, most black Americans now participate in elections. A non white charismatic leader Barrack Obama has been elected twice for the American Presidential post. It was beyond imagination in the past.
- ◉ However, some black people still face problems like discrimination and prejudice.

# I HAVE A DREAM

◉ Song

# CONCLUSION

- ◉ Martin Luther King adopted peaceful and nonviolent strategy to fight against discrimination and injustice.
- ◉ He also got success to win the favor of many white people for his causes.
- ◉ Martin followed non violent resistance of Mahatma Gandhi. Like them Nelson Mandela also fought against injustice with non violent means.
- ◉ So violence is not the only solution and means to fight against injustice and discrimination. With peaceful protest and demonstration we can end the injustice and discrimination.

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ANY CURIOSITIES OR QUESTIONS??

