



Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute 2023 - 24 (grades K - 5)

Sponsored by the Dubuque Branch of the NAACP

Important Information: ALL students in the Dubuque community are invited to participate in this year's MLK Tribute.

Students will create an entry and submit it through **Friday, December 1, 2023.**

- **ALL** entries will be reviewed and honorees from each grade will be recognized in conjunction with MLK's birthday at a community gathering on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ St. Lukes United Methodist Church.**
- **Email NAACPMLKTribute@gmail.com** to arrange for pick-up and/or to submit electronic entries. Please include the following with each entry:
 - Student name Grade School

Themes: Kindness, Fairness & Friendship

- How do we show kindness, fairness & friendship in our daily lives?

The Goal:

- To learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr., the contributions of persons of color and/or to gain insights about what each of us can do to assure that we value and practice justice and equality.
 - In short, who are the "hidden figures" in history? How did this person show kindness, fairness & friendship in their life?

The Challenge:

- Research an African American inventor, scientist, artist, writer or other essential or creative worker and determine HOW this person helped shape the past, present, or future through kindness, fairness & friendship.
- Research a person of color in/from Dubuque or Iowa (past or present) who worked or is working to make the world fairer.
- Show what fairness, kindness & friendship look like to you?

Create: *"Think outside of the box"* go visual, instrumental, etc.

- Create something explaining the actions MLK Jr. took to try to create fairness in the world and how YOU can create fairness as well. How do YOU look at the world differently because of MLK Jr.?
- Create a poster, original artwork, compose a poem, write an explanation, etc. Which shows how this person, and you can show and share kindness, fairness & friendship with others.

Potential Resources:

- [Promoting Empathy and Kindness in Young Children | Early Childhood Education Ethiopia \(earlyeducationethiopia.org\)](https://earlyeducationethiopia.org) This resource provides ways to model empathy and kindness by letting children see us in the act.
- [10 Kindness Lessons and Activities for Elementary School - Tales From a Very Busy Teacher](#) This resource provides kindness activities for classrooms where students actively engage.

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Theme: Till what end? In 1955, Mamie Till was unwillingly thrust into American history by her son's murder in Mississippi. Mamie made a stunning decision -- Emmett would have an open casket funeral. "I think everybody needed to know what had happened to Emmett Till," she said. This action and the acquittal of his murderers served as a catalyst to a generation of Civil Rights activists such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. As we pursue racial justice today, what can be learned from the choices people have made in response to racial violence in the past?

The Goal: To learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr., the contributions of persons of color and/or to gain insights about what each of us can do to assure that we value and practice justice and equality. In short, who are the "hidden figures" in history? Who are the people of color who have made historic contributions to society?

The Challenge: Research an African American inventor, scientist, artist, writer or other essential or creative worker and determine HOW this person helped shape the past, present, or future.

Create: *"Think outside of the box"* go visual, instrumental, etc.

- USE YOUR TALENT
- Create an original piece – whether you are a writer, musician, artist, etc. Create a visual to highlight your research.

Potential Resources:

- [31 Black Americans Heroes of History - Famous African Americans \(oprahmag.com\)](https://www.oprahmag.com/history/31-black-americans-heroes-of-history/) this resource provides a detailed list of 31 "hidden figures" in African American history.
- [Places of Hidden Figures: Black Women Mathematicians in Aeronautics and the Space Race \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/learn/education/hidden-figures-black-women-mathematicians-in-aeronautics-and-the-space-race) this resource provides information about black women mathematicians in aeronautics.
- [Discover 28 Hidden Figures in Black History with Gale in Context: Biography | Santa Clara County Library District \(sccld.org\)](https://www.sccld.org/discover-28-hidden-figures-in-black-history-with-gale-in-context-biography) this is a fantastic starting point for students to choose a "hidden figure" to research.

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