

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

One doesn't plan to leave a legacy. It should be a natural culmination of a person's accomplishments.

Dr. Martin Luther King, a minister who became the face and voice of America's Civil Rights movement, did just that.



His birthday has become a federal holiday, observed the third Monday in January. More than a holiday, it's been designated as a national day of service by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

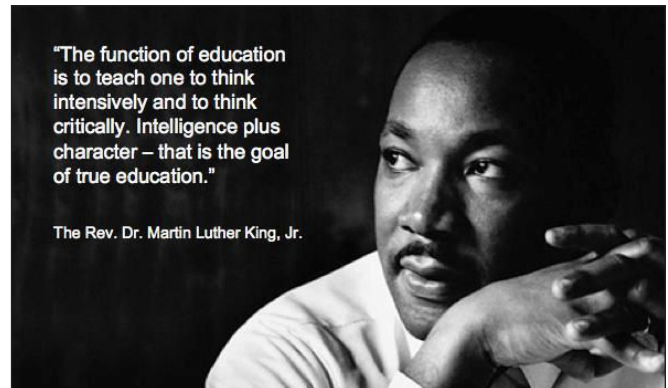
While the holiday may be only one day, people can find opportunities to volunteer any time at www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service.

In the classroom, Web sites abound with activities tied to MLK Day:

- www.nea.org/tools/lessons/mlk-day.html
- www.weareteachers.com/martin-luther-king-activities/

You can't talk about King's Civil Rights work without addressing civil disobedience, for which he advocated.

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Consider talking with students about what constitutes nonviolent action and what are its benefits. A PDF listing 198 methods of non-violent action can be found at www.aeinstein.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/198-Methods.pdf.

Stanford University has resources for teachers available through its King Institute. "Resources focus not only on King's visionary ideas, but also the work of ordinary people who have made extraordinary contributions to liberation movements. Go to <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/information-teachers>.

As we address the value and need for service, it is fitting that January is also School Board Recognition Month.

Our governing board is made up of President Richard Everman (back, left), Vice President Jeanine McDowell (back, right), and board members (front, from left) Jon Saxton, Dan Litzinger and Bob Bower.

I thank them for their service and what they do for the county's school students and staff members.



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