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How we came together

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Martin Luther King Jr.

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In my opinion, I think Martin Luther King Jr. stood up against segregation because he saw no one else would. He was a kind hearted man, who liked everyone. No matter how many people tried to stop him, he would always keep pushing forward for equality. No matter what, he would always keep protecting innocent black people who never ment to harm anyone.

The reason why he thought that no one else was standing up for black people is because all across America, there was not one black person who was being treated the same as white people. White people were treated very nicely and properly. And although it seems like there was not one white person who treated a black person kindly, there were actually quite a few people, who were white, that wanted people who were black to be with them and not be segregated by judging white people.

Whites probably segregated blacks because there was a movement called the Ku Klux Klan. They would wear white robes with long pointy white hats. What they would do is burn crosses and black people's businesses. Corretta Scott's dad owned a barber shop

that was burnt by the Ku Klux Klan. Another time was when her father had a mill, and it was also burnt. The Ku Klux Klan is a very bad movement, in my opinion. They surprisingly, still exist today!

Going back to Coretta Scott King, not only was the shop and mill burnt down, but her home too! Poor Coretta, at the time, a little girl, having to deal with this at such a young age. Martin Luther King's house was also blown up. Again, probably the Ku Klux Klan. Coretta and Martin weren't the only ones who went through this. Of course. Many across America had to deal with their houses and businesses being blown up or burnt. The Ku Klux Klan really was a horrible group.

First, let's talk about the schools. The schools back then were just like today's, where each building had separate rooms. There would be at least eighteen people in each classroom. Except the only difference is that only white people went to these schools. The schools that black people went to were all black.

Instead of having multiple rooms, there would be one big room, with hundreds of students, in different grades than others. All those students would be taught by only one teacher. Think about that! Imagine sitting all the way in the back of one of those rooms, and trying to hear what the teacher was saying! Second, let's talk

about, theaters. White people would sit in the normal area. You know, like today. And have nice air conditioner to keep them cool. Black people would have to sit in a hot, crowded balcony, just because of their skin color.

Indeed, Martin Luther King Jr.'s life was harsh and hard. He wouldn't give up though! He was a dreamer! Like most! Except the only difference was that he was going to make his dream true. He was brave enough to do that. Very few people can make their dreams true. Martin's dream was to stop segregation for black and whites to end, for everyone to have peace between each other. His dream came true. The lesson is that if he believed and tried hard enough, to make his dreams come true.

"There is no problem we can't solve if we can corral our resources behind it. That means people, That means money, that means the good will cooperate of a large segment of people."

- Coretta Scott King

"We shall fight with love, not objects." - Martin Luther King Jr.