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Topic

Describe the impact Martin Luther King had on the civil rights movement in the United States.

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Martin Luther King's speech "I have a dream" delivered in Washington in 1963, established him as the most prominent leader of the civil rights movement. The legacy left behind by his hard work and leadership for this cause has left an indelible impact on not only African-Americans but others who supported the ideals of the civil rights movement. The long-term impact of his work on civil rights issues has left a positive mark on American society. African-Americans today, enjoy the same rights as white Americans. King brought 'social' awareness to the lack of equality in civil rights in United States in the 1960's. As a result, there is no racial segregation in the United States today, whether that is in schools or use of public facilities. In addition, he raised awareness of racial discrimination and the negative impact it was having on American society. Lastly, King went about promoting his activism through the use of civil disobedience. His belief at the time was "[n]othing good ever comes of violence" (Martin Luther Quotes 2). He stayed true to the principles of civil disobedience, as he and his followers did not engage in violence, in their quest to ensure all Americans enjoyed the same civil rights. It is because of Martin Luther King's passion to pursue justice for all in regards to civil rights that we now see an American society united today.

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