BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN

BECAUSE OF CORETTA SCOTT KING

AGES 5-8



QUEEN BEFORE KING

Read the text below to learn more about Coretta Scott King and her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and more. Once you complete the reading, answer the questions below. Make sure you look back at your text to help you.



Coretta Scott King was born in Alabama in 1927 and raised on a farm. She was very talented in music and she also excelled in school. As a teen her hard work paid off, earning her a scholarship to Antioch college in Ohio. It was there that she started her commitment to the Civil Rights Movement as a member of the NAACP and the race relations committee.

In college she continued to study music and education as her major. She even earned money to study singing in Boston. It was there that she met Martin Luther King Jr. The two were married in 1953, she earned her bachelor's degree and they moved to Alabama where Dr. King became pastor of a church. As Coretta Scott King had responsibilities as a wife and eventually a mother of four, she sacrificed her professional music career. However, she found a way to use her singing to help the Civil Rights Movement. She created and performed in

"Freedom Concerts", which helped to raise money for the **Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).**

As her husband grew more and more famous, she continued to be right by his side. People also started to recognize the **contributions** of Coretta Scott King and she spoke publicly for many events and causes. She even became the first woman and Black woman to deliver the Class Day speech at Harvard in 1968.

When Dr. King died, Coretta Scott King continued the work of her husband and her

passion to educate people all over the world about the Civil Rights movement. Coretta Scott King was definitely a **political organizer**. She even helped to make Martin Luther King Day a holiday. She also created the King center in Atlanta and served as its president. In addition, she continued to spread messages of nonviolent protest.

In the 1980s Coretta Scott King continued her work and protest to help fight against issues like women's rights and other issues all over the world.

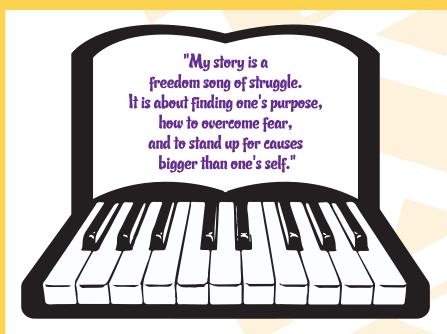
Coretta Scott King died in 2006 at 78 years old. She was a woman of many talents and definitely someone who earned her the title of Queen.



READ & RESPOND

1. Which three words you would use to describe Coretta Scott King? Use evidence from the reading for your answer.
CORETTA SCOTT KING
2. What is the main idea of the text? Use evidence from the reading for your answer.
3. How did Coretta Scott King impact the Civil Rights Movement?

CORETTA SCOTT SING!



As you learned in the previous activity,
Coretta Scott King was a recognized singer.
Watch the video (see Parent/Teacher Guide)
to see her perform a Gospel song. After
you have finished the video, imagine what a
Freedom Concert might be like. Remember
it was a way to teach about the Civil Rights
Movement through music, poetry, fiction, and
nonfiction stories.

Now you can play your own part in that concert! Below there is a poem that helps people learn about the Civil Rights

movement. You will add another 4 lines to this poem. Remember for this you want to think of four rhyming words. This is your time to be creative!

See the example below:

We may have a long way to go,
But we still have to stay on the road.
Through the tough times there is one thing we know,
We keep our integrity, we go high and we won't go low.

We deserve to have full rights,
And we will protest for them every day and night.
We know our goals and will keep them in our sight,
For we are not discouraged and will see the light.



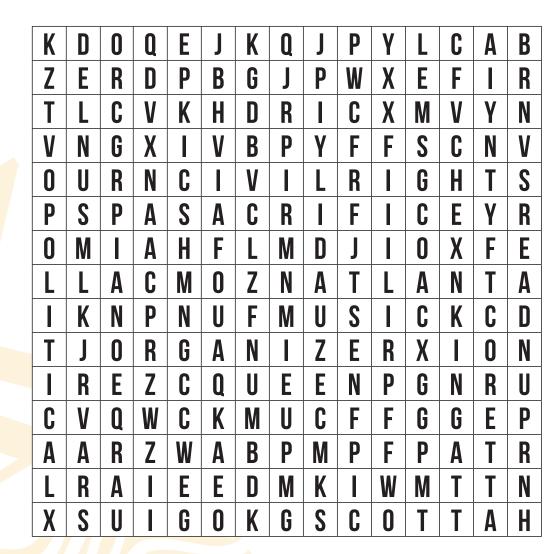
Now you add your lines!			
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WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Complete the word search to find the following words to do with Coretta Scott King!

QUEEN SACRIFICE
CORETTA MLK., JR
SCOTT KING PIANO
NAACP CIVIL RIGHTS
POLITICAL MUSIC
ORGANIZER ATLANTA









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Scholarship: An amount of money that is given by a school, an organization, etc., to a student to help pay for the student's education.

NAACP: (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) The NAACP is an American organization that works to protect the rights of African-Americans.

Committee: A group of people who are chosen to do a particular job or to make decisions about something.

Major: The main subject studied by a college or university student.

Bachelor's degree: A degree that is given to a student by a college or university usually after four years of study.

Responsibilities: A duties or tasks that you are required or expected to do.

Sacrifice: The act of giving up something that you want to keep, especially in order to get or do something else or to help someone.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC): A local community organization that was created to help organize nonviolent protest.

Political Organizer: A person who gathers people into a group that will work on something together having to do with politics.

Contributions: Something that is given to help a person, a cause, etc.

MUSIC MATH

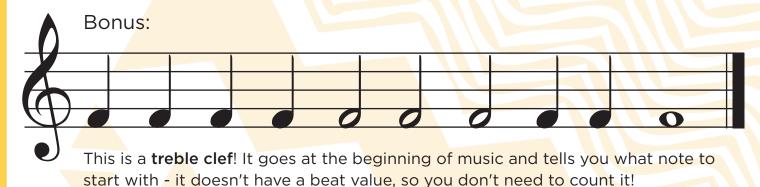
Below you have been given a key for how to read music. In music, each different note has a different number of beats. Use the guide below to complete the math beats to solve the math problem.

NOTE VALUES	WHOLE NOTE	HALF NOTE	QUARTER NOTE
REST VALUES	WHOLE REST	HALF REST	QUARTER REST
NUMBER OF BEATS	4 BEATS	2 BEATS	1 BEAT

$$+$$
 = 3 BEATS

For Example:

There is a half note, which is 2 beats, and one quarter note, which is 1 beat. 2 + 1 = 3. So there are 3 beats here.



Word Search Answe<mark>r Key</mark>



VN2MEH2: (1') 4 (5') 6 (3') 4 (4') \(12') 4 (BONN2) 16

TAKE THE PLEDGE

THE SACRIFICES OF MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE

I WILL PURSUE MY DREAMS.

OTHERS ALONG THE WAY.