BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN

# **BECAUSE OF** CORETTA SCOTT KING

**AGES 9-12** 



### **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.

Pursuing music and education as her major, she earned a grant 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 gained new 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's popularity grew, she continued to be right by his side. People also started to recognize the contributions of Coretta Scott King and she spoke publicly for numerous 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** and she was one of the major contributors to ensuring that the Martin Luther King holiday was established. She also founded the King Center in Atlanta and served as its president as well. In addition, she continued to spread and model messages of nonviolent protest and action.

In the 1980s Coretta Scott King continued her activism and protest to help fight against **apartheid** in South Africa and continued her work as a participant in several women's rights organizations.

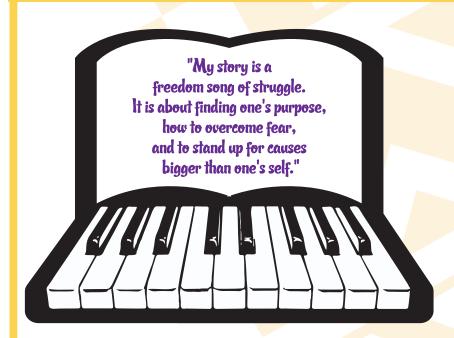
Coretta Scott King died in 2006 at 78 years old. She was a woman of many talents and definitely someone whose elegance and passions earned her the title of Queen.



## READ & RESPOND

1.	What are three words you would use to describe Coretta Scott King? Use evidence from the reading for your answer.
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2.	What are two main ideas of the text? Use evidence from the reading for your answer.
3	How did Coretta Scott King help Dr. Martin Luther King in their work?
4	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 four lines to this poem. Remember that 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.



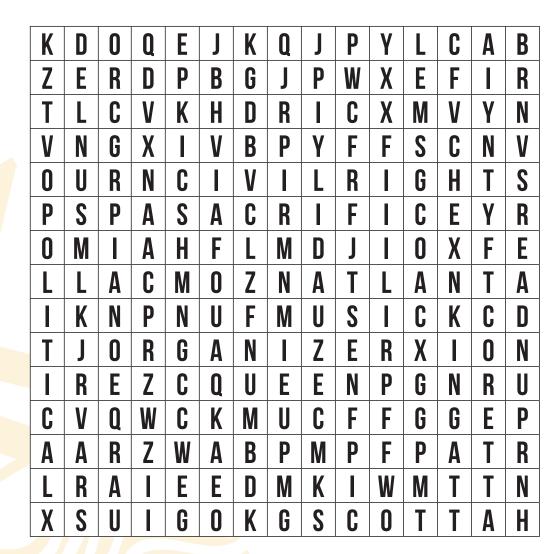
Now you add your lines!			
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### **WORD SEARCH**

**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











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.

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

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.

Apartheid: A former social system in South Africa in which black people and people from other racial groups did not have the same political and economic rights as white people and were forced to live separately from white people.

### **MUSIC MATH**

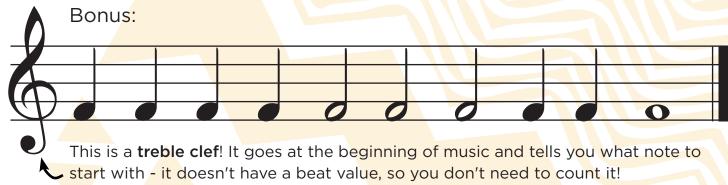
Below you have been given a guide to how to read music. In music, each different note has a different number of beats. Use the chart below to complete the math beats to solve the math problem.

NOTE VALUES	WHOLE NOTE	HALF NOTE	QUARTER NOTE	EIGHTH NOTE	SIXTEENTH NOTE
REST VALUES	WHOLE REST	HALF REST	QUARTER REST	<b>7</b> EIGHTH REST	SIXTEENTH REST
NUMBER OF BEATS	4 BEATS	2 BEATS	1 BEAT	½ BEAT	1/4 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>



**ANSWERS:** (1.) 4 (2.) 6 (3.) 3 (4.) 1 1/4 (5.) 3 (BONUS.) 68

### TAKE THE PLEDGE

THE SACRIFICES OF MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE IN ME.

I WILL PURSUE MY DREAMS.

OTHERS ALONG THE WAY.