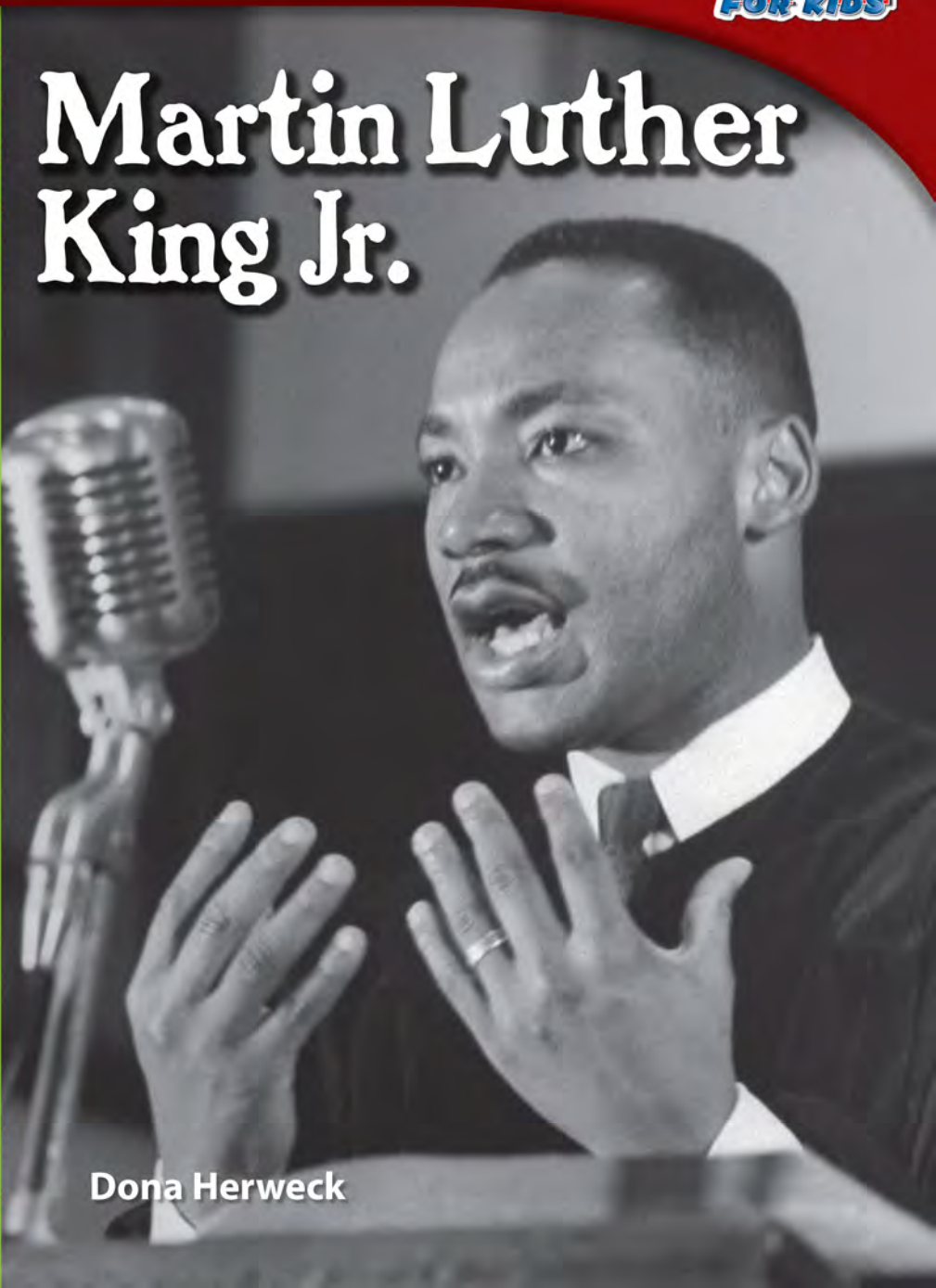
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Unfair!



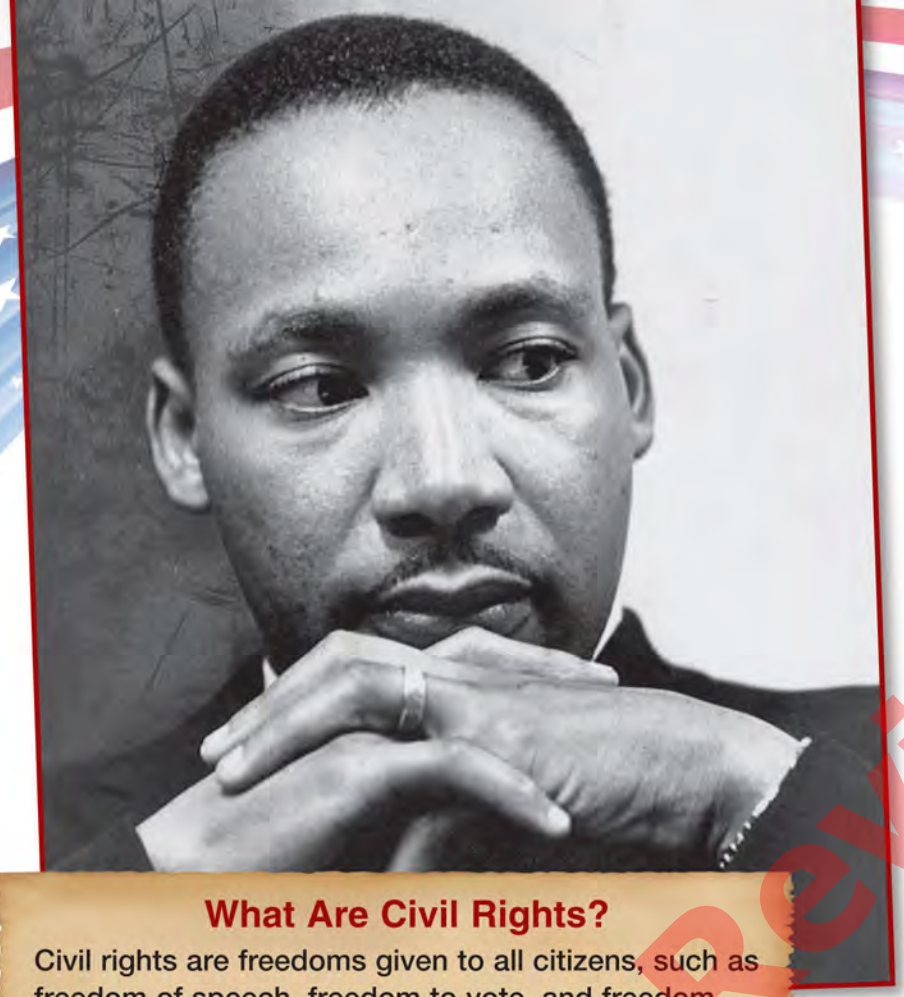
Martin came home one day feeling sad. His good friend would not play with him. The boy's father told him not to play with Martin because Martin had dark skin.

Martin's parents hugged him. They told him about **unfair** things that happened to them, too, because of their skin color. They said that sometimes fear and hatred make people do terrible things.



drinking fountain for African Americans

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What Are Civil Rights?

Civil rights are freedoms given to all citizens, such as freedom of speech, freedom to vote, and freedom to assemble peacefully.

Martin knew these things were wrong. He wanted to make things better. He said, "I'm going to turn this world upside down."



Martin Luther King Sr., Martin's father

Names

Martin was first named Michael, like his father. They both changed their names to Martin, perhaps in honor of Martin Luther, a religious leader from long ago. But Martin's family did not call him Michael or Martin. They called him M.L., just like they called his brother A.D. for Adam Daniel.

Martin grew up to be Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the great **civil rights** leader. And he did turn the world upside down.



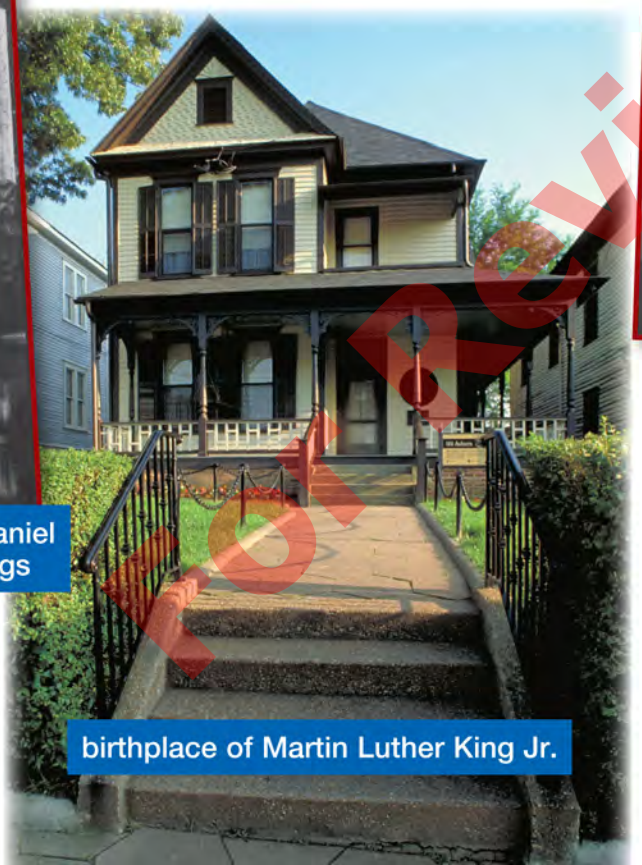
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Where Love Was Central

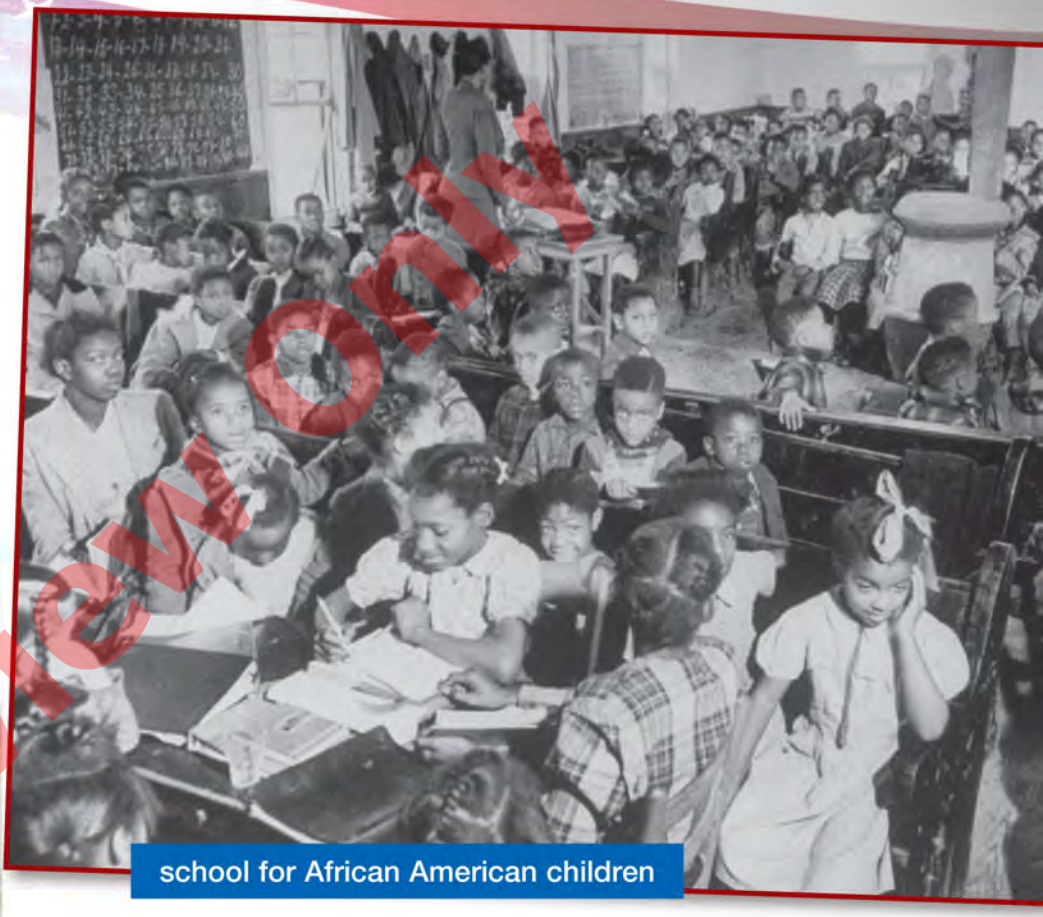
Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Martin's home was happy. He and his sister, Christine, and brother, A.D., felt love all around them. Martin wrote that his home was a place "where love was central."



Christine and Adam Daniel (A.D.), Martin's siblings



birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr.



school for African American children

But the world outside Martin's home was not always filled with love. **African Americans** were not allowed the same rights as other people. They suffered because of other people's hatred and fear.

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