Martin Luther King Timeline

**1965** 12 August- King publicly opposes the Vietnam War at a mass rally at the Ninth Annual Convention of SCLC in Birmingham.

**1964** 3 January- King is named "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

**1963** 10 October- U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy authorizes the FBI to wiretap King’s home phone.

**1944** 20 September -King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

**1967** 4 December- King publicly reveals his plans to organize a mass civil disobedience campaign, the Poor People's Campaign, in Washington, D.C., to force the government to end poverty.

**1929** 15 January- Michael King, later known as Martin Luther King, Jr., is born at 501 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, Georgia.

**1957** 18 February- King appears on the cover of Time magazine.

**1968** 9 April- King is buried in Atlanta.

**1964** 26 March- King meets Malcolm X in Washington, D.C. for the first and only time.

**1965** 7 March- In an event that will become known as "Bloody Sunday," voting rights marchers are beaten at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama as they attempt to march to Montgomery.

**1968** 4 April- King is shot and killed while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

**1946** 6 August- The Atlanta Constitution publishes King’s letter to the editor stating that black people "are entitled to the basic rights and opportunities of American citizens."

**1953** 18 June- King and Coretta Scott are married at the Scott home near Marion, Alabama.