

# FELLOWSHIP AND DUTY TO GOD



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**Roger Williams** started the colony of Rhode Island so he and his friends could practice their faith freely. He was a friend to American Indians and wanted the slaves to be free.

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**Job Ben Solomon** was a Muslim leader from Africa who was enslaved in the colony of Georgia. His intelligence and faithfulness may have helped convince the colony's founder, James Oglethorpe, to turn against slavery.

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**Barbara Heck** was an Irish immigrant who helped found the first Methodist church in New York. At a time when women didn't tell men what to do, she convinced Philip Embury to lead the new church.

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**Father Pierre-Jean De Smet** was known as Black Robe by Native Americans. He was a Catholic missionary in the American West and made friends with American Indians, mountain men, and pioneers of many different religions.

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**Jacob Schiff** was a German-born American businessman. He worked hard to help Jewish people come to America between 1880 and 1920 and feel welcome here.

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**Jane Addams** was inspired by her religious faith to improve the lives of children and immigrants. She helped turn a rundown Chicago mansion into a settlement house where people could get assistance and learn what it means to be an American.

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**Daisho Tana** was a Buddhist priest who ministered to fellow Japanese Americans who were removed from their homes during World War II. He helped them practice their religion in difficult circumstances.

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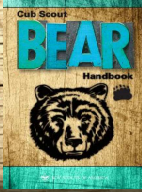


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**Cesar Chavez** relied on his Catholic traditions in his work to help Hispanics and migrant farm workers earn civil rights and respect. He also used principles of nonviolent protest and developed the slogan, "¡Sí, se puede!" ("Yes! It can be done!").



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Turn the pages of America's political history, and you are sure to find one man who clearly outshines all others and manages to attract the attention and interest of all, till date. - Abraham Lincoln! Nicknamed 'Honest Abe' or 'Father Abraham', Lincoln was, by far, one of the most powerful and greatest Presidents' that America has ever witnessed. Rising from a modest and humble beginning, it was his sheer determination and honest effort that led him to the nation's highest office. An astute politician and proficient lawyer, he played a vital role in unification of the states and led from the front for the cause of abolishing slavery from the country, eventually giving people equal rights, irrespective of caste, color or creed. He not only envisioned but actually brought to the forefront a truly democratic government which was led by the concept of 'by the people, of the people and for the people'. What's more, Lincoln led the country when it faced its greatest constitutional, military and moral crises. He not only turned up victorious but also was effective in strengthening the national government and modernizing the economy. He was a saviour of the Union and an emancipator for the slaves. However, just as astonishing was his rise to the top-notch position and his eventual governance, his death was equally bewildering as he became the first U.S President ever to be assassinated. Though in his life Abraham Lincoln has been felicitated with no awards and honors, as there did not exist any awards then, he has till date retained a spot in the Top Three Presidents since 1940s. As for the presidential ranking polls conducted since 1948, Lincoln has been rated at the very top in the majority of polls.

## Childhood & Early Life

- Born to Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln, in a log-cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln was the second of the three children of the couple. He had an elder sister Sarah and a younger brother Thomas who died in infancy.
- Senior Lincoln was a hardworking man. Through his relentless efforts, he became one the richest men in the country. He was respected and honoured by one and all. However, the blissfulness did not last long as Thomas Lincoln lost all what he had, which led to the family shifting base to the present Spencer County, Indiana.
- Religiously, the Lincolns attended Separate Baptists church and had opposing views regarding alcohol, dancing and slavery. They completely believed in restrictive moral standards.
- Billed as lazy and indolent by most due to his dislike for the hard labor associated with frontier life, Lincoln wronged all as he grew up to be responsible and dedicated. He completed all the chores expected of a boy from a household and became an adept axe-man in his work, building rail fences. He also dutifully submitted all his earnings to his father.

- As far as his education is concerned, Lincoln made extraordinary efforts to attain knowledge. Though both his parents were illiterate and unschooled, they encouraged Lincoln to read and write, especially his stepmom Sarah. It is estimated that all through his life Lincoln did not have not more than 18 months of formal education.

## Trivia

- He was the first President to be born out of the thirteen states. Additionally, he was the first president born in Kentucky and the first to wear a beard.
- He was the first US President to be assassinated.
- He is the only president to have a patent to his name. The patent was for a device which assisted in freeing the ships that would get aground in shallow waters.
- Interestingly, unlike other presidents', he would keep all his important papers, mail, bankbook and so on in his stovepipe hat. Probably, this is the reason why it was called his 'desk and memorandum book' and sometimes his 'filing cabinet'.
- He is responsible for the institution of Thanksgiving Day in United States of America. Until then, the day was celebrated sporadically and on irregular dates. He declared the final Thursday in the month of November as Thanksgiving Day.
- A man with outstanding capability, he earned quite a few nicknames in his life, some of which are 'Honest Abe', 'The Rail Splitter', 'The Great Emancipator', and 'Father Abraham'.

*"Whatever you are, be a good one."*

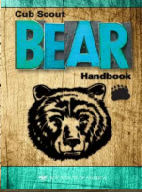
Abraham Lincoln

*"Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be."*

Abraham Lincoln

*"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"*

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## Childhood & Early Life

- Brigham Young was born into a farming family in Whitingham, Vermont, on June 1, 1801. His parents were John Young and Abigail "Nabby" Howe. He had a rustic upbringing and went to school for just 11 days.
- Talented and hard working, he learned several skills as a young man and worked as a carpenter and blacksmith. He was also a skilled joiner, painter and glazier.

## Later Years

- Interested in religion from a young age, he converted to the Methodist faith in 1823. However, reading the 'Book of Mormon' shortly after its publication in 1830 provided him a new religious direction.
- Immediately drawn to the Mormon movement, he officially joined the new church in 1832 and traveled to Upper Canada as a missionary. During this time he established a community in Kirtland, Ohio, along with fellow Mormons.
- Becoming very active in the new church, he was ordained a member of the original Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1835. Very soon he assumed a leadership role within the organization and passionately began spreading the movement to the United Kingdom.
- The Mormons were driven out of Missouri in 1838, and as a senior member of the Quorum, Young directed the move to Nauvoo, Ill. He went to England in 1839 and helped to add many British converts to the Mormon Church in America through his mission. This aided the Mormons in establishing their foothold in the European continent.

## Major Works

- Brigham Young, along with other Mormons like Isaac Morley and George Washington Bradley founded the Salt Lake City in 1847. He led the Mormon community in extensively irrigating and cultivating the arid valley to make it suitable for human habitation. The city is home to the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

*"Why should we worry about what others think of us, do we have more confidence in their opinions than we do our own?"*

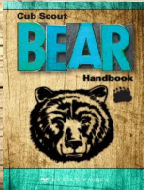
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Martin Luther King Junior was a leader of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. While fighting against injustice meted to the African-Americans, he carefully shunned violence. His ideas were based on Christian doctrines but for operational techniques he looked towards Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent movement. His first major campaign was Montgomery Bus Boycott. It not only led to the abolition of racial segregation on Montgomery public transport system, but also turned King Jr. into a national figure and the fiercest spokesperson of civil rights movement. Subsequently, he led many other non-violent campaigns and gave many inspiring speeches. Later, he expanded the ambit of his movement and started fighting for equal employment opportunity. His 'March to Washington for Jobs and Freedom' was one such campaign. In his short life, he was arrested twenty-nine times. He dreamt that one day every human being would be judged by his ability, not by the color of his skin. He died from a white fanatic's bullet at the age of thirty-nine.

## Childhood & Early Life

- Martin Luther King Jr. was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father, Martin Luther King Senior, also born Michael, was the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and a civil rights leader in the early stage of the movement.

## Awards & Achievements

- In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent campaign against racism.
- He also received Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977) and Congressional Gold Medal (2004) posthumously.

## Personal Life & Legacy

- On June 18, 1953, King married Coretta Scott, an accomplished singer, author and a civil rights activist. The couple had four children: Yolanda King (b. 1955), Martin Luther King III (b. 1957), Dexter Scott King (b. 1961), and Bernice King (b. 1963).
- Although Coretta Scott King mostly confined herself to her duties of a homemaker during King's life time but after his assassination, she took up the leadership of the movement. Later she also became active in the Women's Movement and the LGBT rights movement.
- On March 29, 1968, King went to Memphis, Tennessee to address rallies. On April 3, he addressed his last rally and on April 4, while standing in the motel's second-floor balcony, he was shot by a white fanatic at 6:01 pm. The bullet entered through his right cheek, smashed his jaw, then traveled down his spinal cord and finally lodged in his shoulder. He was immediately taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he underwent an emergency surgery, but died 7:05 pm. He was only 39 years old then.
- King's death was followed by nationwide race riot. Much later, National Civil Rights Museum was built around the former Lorraine Motel. Many streets around the country have also been named after him.
- In 1986, it was decided to observe January 15, the day Martin Luther King Jr. was born, as a federal holiday.
- In 2011, The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial was opened on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

**I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.**

... Martin Luther King, Jr.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King Jr.

**"I have a dream..."**