



**I HAVE A DREAM...**

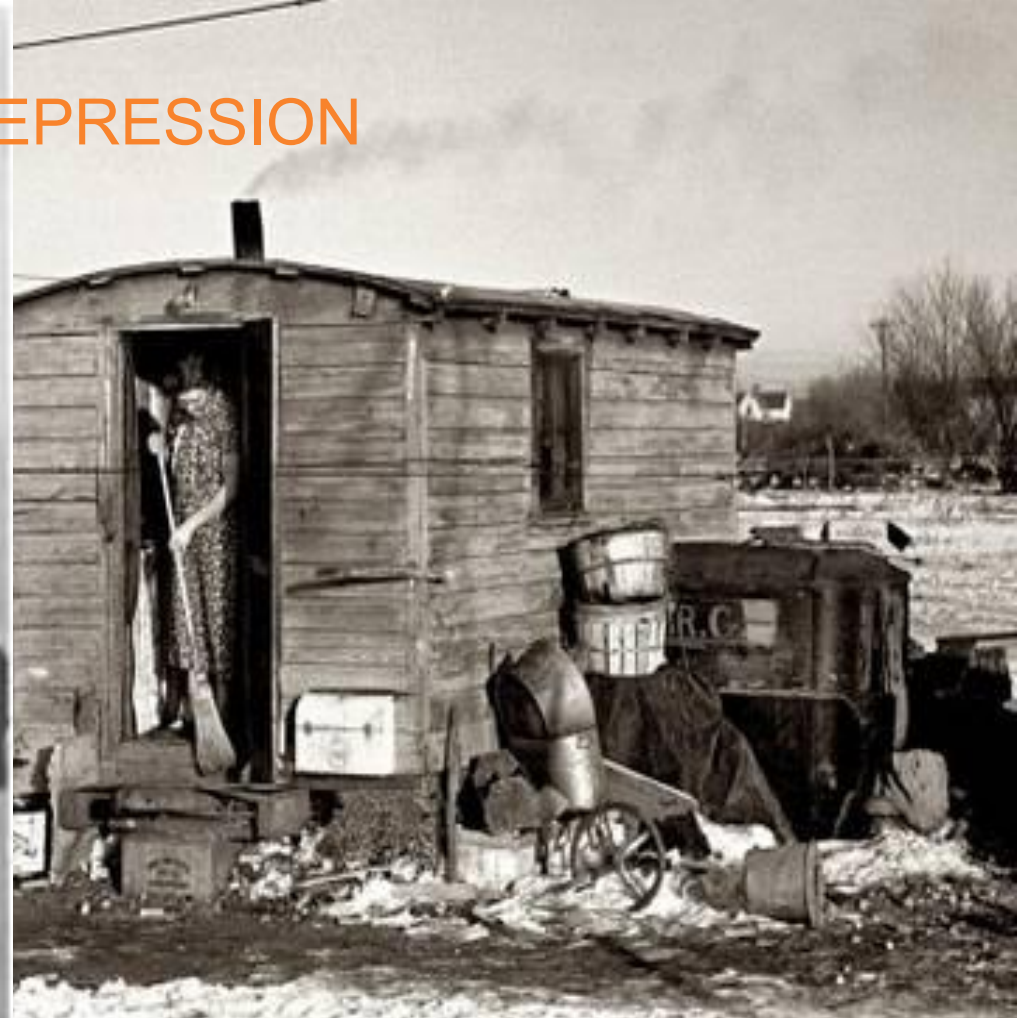
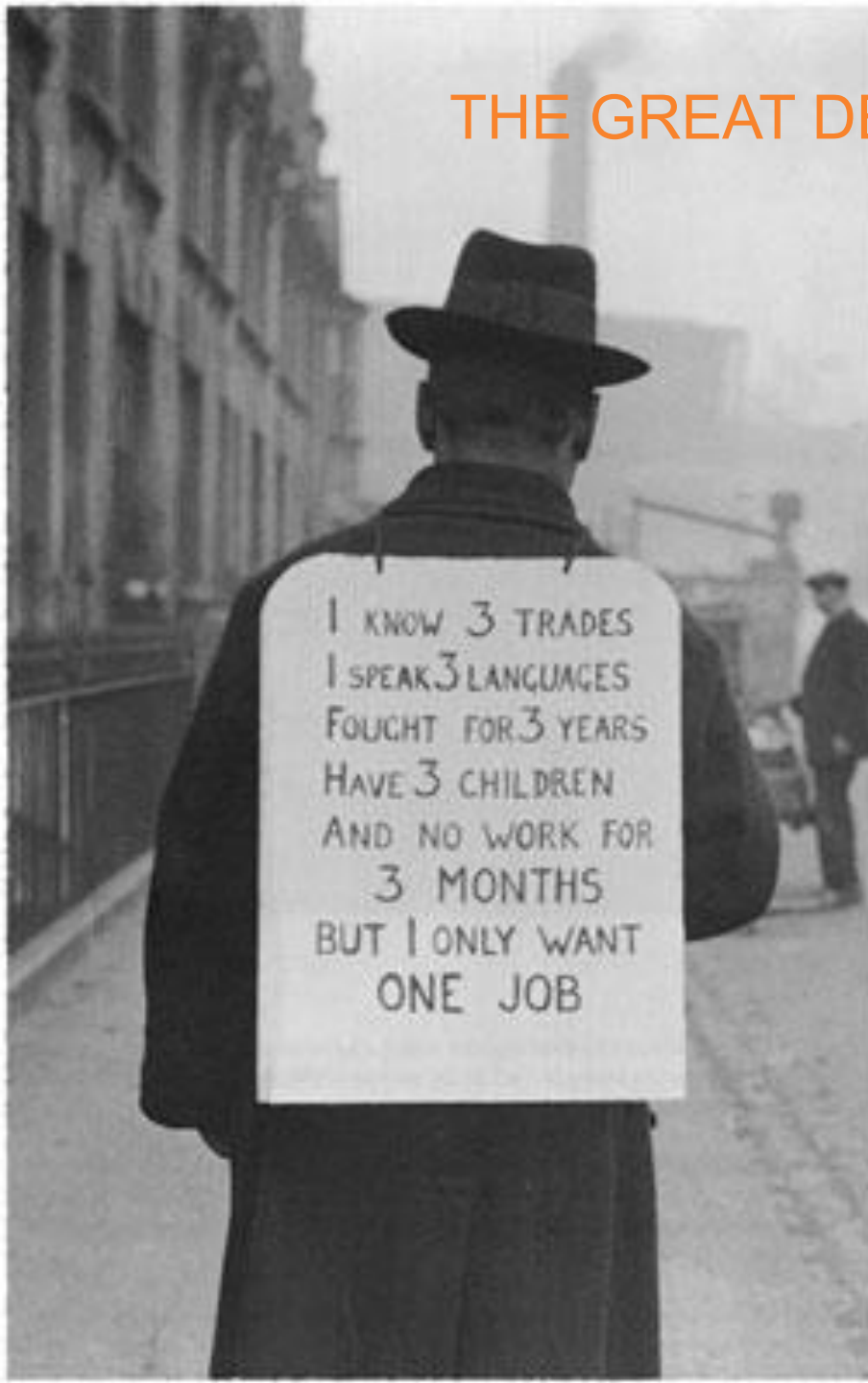
**Martin Luther King**



**Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta on 15 January 1929 in a family of the pastor of Baptist church**



# THE GREAT DEPRESSION



The youth of the King has passed in days of the Great depression. It has generated his hardness and character.



After attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, King went on to study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and Boston University, where he deepened his understanding of theological scholarship and explored Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent strategy for social change. King married Coretta Scott in 1953, and the following year he accepted the pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. King received his Ph.D. in systematic theology in 1955.





On 5 December 1955, after civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to comply with Montgomery's segregation policy on buses, black residents launched a bus boycott and elected King president of the newly-formed Montgomery Improvement Association.



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The boycott continued throughout 1956 and King gained national prominence for his role in the campaign. In December 1956 the United States Supreme Court declared Alabama's segregation laws unconstitutional





In the spring of 1963, King and student activists lead mass demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama. Clashes between unarmed black demonstrators and police armed with dogs and fire hoses generated newspaper headlines throughout the world.





## March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

Mass demonstrations on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on 28 August 1963, in which more than 250,000 protesters gathered in Washington, D. C. It was on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.







King's renown continued to grow as he became Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1963 and the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. In late 1967, King initiated a Poor People's Campaign designed to confront economic problems that had not been addressed by earlier civil rights reforms

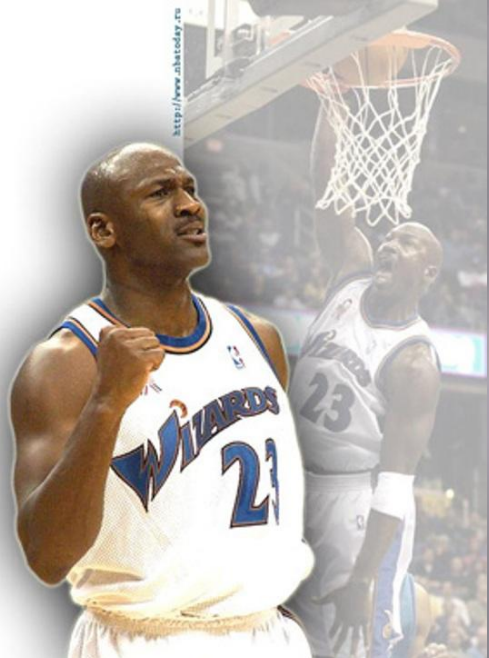






To this day, King remains a controversial symbol of the African American civil rights struggle, revered by many for his martyrdom on behalf of nonviolence and condemned by others for his militancy and insurgent views





I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: we hold these truths to self-evident, that all men are created equal.



