

Smart Research Skills

How to use wikipedia:

1. Read for a general overview
2. Use sections wisely
3. Click through to other topics
4. Look at sources at the bottom

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.

How to take notes:

Summarize or paraphrase almost everything!

King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr., and Alberta Williams King.^[1] King's legal name at birth was Michael King,^[2] and his father was also born Michael King, but the elder King changed his and his son's names following a 1934 trip to Germany to attend the Fifth Baptist World Alliance Congress in Berlin. It was during this time he chose to be called Martin Luther King in honor of the German reformer Martin Luther.^{[3][unreliable source?][4][unreliable source?]} King had Irish ancestry through his paternal great-grandfather.^{[5][6]}

None of this ↑ needs to be quoted. Summarize instead:

Martin Luther King Jr., originally named Michael, was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. King chose to go by Martin Luther in honor of the religious reformer Martin Luther.

When do I quote?

Which part of this would be reasonable to quote?

Politics

*As the leader of the SCLC, King maintained a policy of not publicly endorsing a U.S. political party or candidate: "I feel someone must remain in the position of non-alignment, so that he can look objectively at both parties and be the conscience of both—not the servant or master of either."^[59] In a 1958 interview, he expressed his view that neither party was perfect, saying, "I don't think the Republican party is a party full of the almighty God nor is the Democratic party. They both have weaknesses ... And I'm not inextricably bound to either party."^[60] King did praise Democratic Senator **Paul Douglas** of Illinois as being the "greatest of all senators" because of his fierce advocacy for civil rights causes over the years.^[61]*

- What wikipedia says is not important enough to quote!
- Only quote things that are very important and can't or shouldn't be reworded.

How do I quote?

Introduce: *Dr. King said,*

Quote: *"I don't think the Republican party is a party full of the almighty God nor is the Democratic party. They both have weaknesses ... And I'm not inextricably bound to either party."*

Cite: *"I don't think the Republican party is a party full of the almighty God nor is the Democratic party. They both have weaknesses ... And I'm not inextricably bound to either party"* (Wikipedia OR "The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr: Symbol of the Movement").