- He was born in Atlanta in 1929 on the 15th of January.
- He graduated with a degree in sociology in 1948.
- He was awarded a doctoral degree in theology in 1955.
- In 1954 he became pastor of a Baptist Church in Montgomery.
- He was a prominent member of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.
- The NAACP was an organisation dedicated to campaigning for the civil rights of Black Americans.
- He played a key part in the Montgomery bus boycott.
- During the Montgomery bus boycott he was arrested and his house was bombed.
- In 1957 he was elected president of the southern Christian Leadership Conference.
- In the last 11 Years he gave over 2000 speeches in different places around the USA.