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IDEAS

He proposed violent actions and opposed Martin Luther King's peaceful philosophy.



Past

He fell into drugs and delinquency, and was arrested in Boston in 1946. It was in prison that he refined his education, focusing on books and religion. In 1952, he was released and joined the Muslim organization Nation of Islam. He then called himself Malcolm X to erase his slave name.

A BRIEF MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Both Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X fought for black civil rights in America but their beliefs and methods were opposite in the extreme. They met briefly at a press conference on March 26, 1964.

This was the only time they would ever meet.

Malcolm X also headed rallies and gave speeches, but had adopted the teachings of Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad, leading him to promote violence in his followers in order for them to achieve the same civil rights accorded to whites. Although he did unite blacks in searching for equality, his radical ways made him less effective than Martin Luther King Jr. as a leader on the world stage.

He was assassinated on February 21, 1965 while delivering a speech.

Martin Luther King Jr. believed in the teachings of Mohandas Gandhi and promoted peaceful methods to achieve equal rights through rallies and civil disobedience. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his efforts to unite the people of the world.

He was assassinated on April 4th, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee on the balcony of his hotel.

A black and white photograph showing Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X in conversation. King is on the left, looking towards X. X is on the right, looking down. They are both wearing suits and ties. Other people are visible in the background.