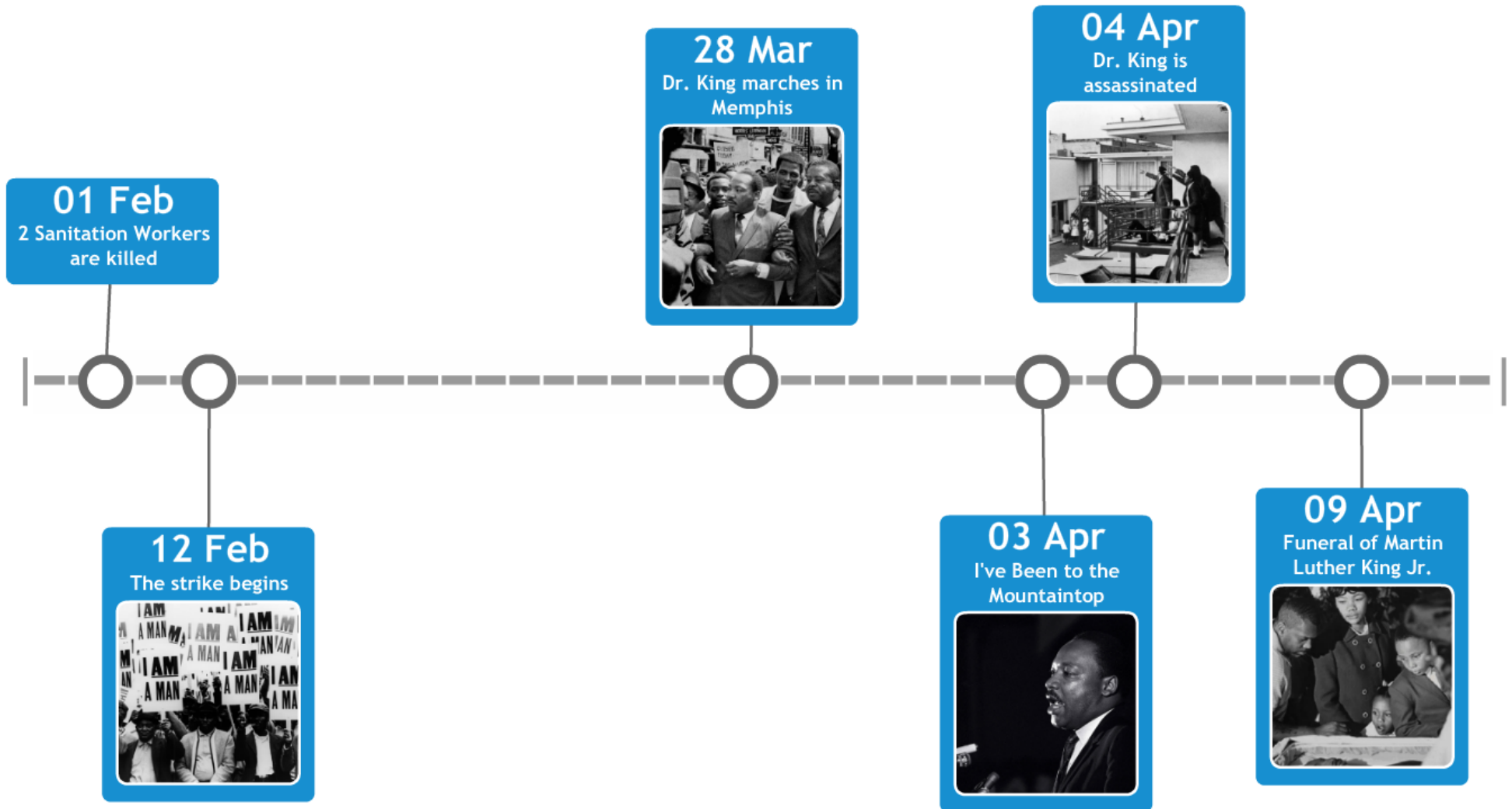


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Items:

○ 01 Feb

In Memphis, Tennessee two sanitation workers, Echol Cole and Robert Walker, are crushed in the rear of a malfunctioning garbage truck.

○ 12 Feb

Memphis sanitation and public works employees go on strike until they receive decent living wage and safe working conditions. They also demand the recognition of their humanity and dignity.

○ 28 Mar

Dr. King leads a march supporting the sanitation workers in downtown Memphis. Violence erupts during the march, and Dr. King is rushed from the scene. Dr. King vows to return to Memphis.

○ 03 Apr

Dr. King returns to Memphis. Despite feeling ill, he attends a rally at Mason Temple where he delivers his final sermon "I've Been to the Mountaintop."

○ 04 Apr

Dr. King is mortally wounded on the balcony of room 306 at the Lorraine Motel at 6:01 pm, and is pronounced dead at 7:05 pm at St. Joseph's Hospital. Riots erupt throughout the country.

○ 09 Apr

This was followed by two funeral services on April 9, 1968, in Atlanta, Georgia, the first held for family and close friends at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King and his father had both served.