

"I Have a Dream" Worksheet

Image Sequencing

On August 28, 1963 a march organized by supporters of stronger civil rights legislation drew more than 250,000 people to Washington, D.C.¹ Encouraged and inspired, Martin Luther King Jr. strayed from the short speech he had prepared and, instead, delivered his famous extemporaneous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Review the images and select one image to represent each phrase from King's speech. Be sure to write down the number of each image as well as notes explaining why you chose each to accompany the corresponding text.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Photo: _____

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

Photo: _____

¹ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs. "Martin Luther King Jr., 'I Have a Dream' (1963)." *Basic Readings in U.S. Democracy*. <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/democrac/38.htm> (November 1, 2007)



There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights.

Photo: _____

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence.

Photo: _____

We cannot walk alone.

Photo: _____

Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering.

Photo: _____

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

Photo: _____



Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

Photo: _____

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 be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Photo: _____

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

Photo: _____

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Photo: _____



I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

Photo: _____

This will be the day when all . . . will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

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Free at last! free at last!

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