

Martin Luther King

“I Have a Dream ...”



Read the extract below taken from Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech. He delivered this speech on the 28th August 1963.

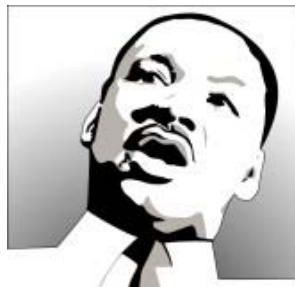
And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

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."

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.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

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.



I have a *dream* today!

Activity

In your own words, explain what Martin Luther King was trying to say in his “I have a dream” speech.

The legacy of the “I have a dream speech”

In the 'I have a dream' speech” in which Martin Luther King spoke of brotherhood, of freedom, of equality for all, he left the legacy of equal and the same civil rights for all, non-violent protest, and the fact that we should be judged on our character and not the colour of our skin.

Activity

'Leaving a legacy' is something you would like to be remembered for. Think of your human rights and those that apply to others. What would you like to be remembered for as we reflect on our human rights?