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“I Have a Dream...” Part 1 **Martin Luther King Jr.**

This is part one of a six-part lesson. Each small group should complete its part, then share their responses with the class.

Read the section. Answer the questions below. Use the back if necessary.

Delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been scarred to the bones of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still 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. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

1. In front of whose statue was the speech given? What important act did this person do?

2. What does he mean by saying 100 years after slavery ended, people of color are still not free?

3. What was the purpose of the speech and the march during which this speech was given?
