

I Have a Dream...

Use Student Journal Entry 18 to give a reading assignment regarding an the Lincoln Memorial and Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. Then use the next page to discuss the speech.

These students that see this the 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."

These students that see today the millions of Negroes who year for longer, along with the rest of America, that common sense and justice should be brought to bear on this issue.

These students that see that children will someday be the nation's leaders. They will write the rules of this nation, the nation of the future.

...and that these boys and girls will be able to join hands with their white brothers and sisters and stand together as Americans.

These students that see the many white churches, schools, and every other white institution that say, "We support equality for all men," while Negroes are still denied equal treatment and equal rights.

And I believe that if a great nation like our country ever to get freedom ring from the problems of race in this country, Americans must first be able to understand a true faith. Let freedom ring from the deep valleys of the South.

Let freedom ring from the mountain tops of Georgia.
Let freedom ring from the meadows of Mississippi.
Let freedom ring from the rocky hills of Alabama.

Let freedom ring from every white man, black man, and every woman, man, woman, and child in this country.

Let freedom ring from every hill and every valley of this country. From every mountain, from every meadow, from every white man, black man, and every woman, man, woman, and child in this country.

When will freedom ring, when will it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, when will it ring so that the nation will at last believe that all men are created equal, that we are all brothers, that we are all Americans and we are all free, that we are all the people of this great nation? There is still a long way to go, but we will not be satisfied until every man, black man, white man, woman, man, woman, and child in this country is free.

