

I Have a Dream...

Use Student Journal Entry 18 to give a reading assignment regarding the Lincoln Memorial and Draper's 1963 speech. Review parts of the speech below, then use the next page to identify the words.

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live up to the promises 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 children will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

“I have a dream that one day we will live together in peace with brothers and sisters of every race and color, united in a common purpose of justice and equality for all of God's children.”

“I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made smooth, and the rugged places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.”

“And I dream that one day we will be able to look down from the mountains of the South and see the little boys of Georgia and South Carolina and Mississippi and Alabama huddled together and laughing together, rejoicing together, because just like you and I, they are free.”

“Let freedom ring from the mountain-tops of Alabama.
Let freedom ring from the heightening peaks of California.
Let freedom ring from the heights of the Rockies.
Let freedom ring from the highlands of Georgia.
Let freedom ring from the hallowed halls of Kentucky.”

“Let freedom ring from every hill and every valley of Mississippi. Let every nook and every cranny of Maryland ring—
let freedom ring—”

“When will freedom be for the colored people of this nation? When will freedom be for all the people of this nation? When will it be that little black boys and black girls will be able to join with the white children at the picnic table in the cafeteria and sit in the lunch room? When will freedom be for all the people of this nation? When will it be that all of God's children will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood? When will it be that all of God's children will be able to worship together and be united in the same faith? When will it be that all of God's children will be able to join together and sing the songs of freedom? When will it be that all of God's children will be able to join together and sing the songs of freedom?”

