

I HAVE A DREAM

Martin Luther King, Jr. is considered by many to be one of the most influential men in recent history. He achieved this status through his insistence that nonviolent means should be used to achieve racial and economic justice. King changed America, and the world, forever with his "I Have a Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963. He also influenced the struggle for freedom in South Africa, his work serving as an inspiration for Nobel Peace prize winner Albert Lutuli, who fought for racial justice in this country.

After reading his historic speech and the accompanying fact sheet on Martin Luther King, Jr., think of a dream for your own community, your country or the world and write an essay of no longer than 1,500 words describing your dream and **what you can do to achieve it.**



Black History Month Essay Competition Entry Form

Student Name: **Contact No.:**

Date of Birth: **Date of Entry:**

I hereby certify that the attached essay is my original work.

Student's Signature:

School Name:

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Rules

- Closing date for entries: **31 March 2011**
- Open to all 12 - 18 year-old learners (students)
- Must be the original work of the entrant
- Maximum length is 2 pages
- Illegible entries will be disqualified
- No late entries will be accepted and the judges' decision is final
- This entry form should be attached to your essay
- Your signature is required

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