

## MLK'S speech

My name is Myla LaSalle and this essay is about Martin Luther King Jr's speech "I have a dream". In my opinion I think his speech is about how he thinks that people of different color should be able to hold hands/not have different rules. He started feeling like this at a young age because him and his best friend were separated because they were different. The same rules applied as he got older. For example, he had to sit at the back of the bus and eat ice cream outside. People of different races went to separate schools. When he performed his speech it was very convincing and about 250,000 people came to it. His speech was on August 28th 1963. The meaning of his speech is that MLK wanted to change the rules he disagreed with. Unfortunately he died a few months later. He died April 4th 1968. He got assassinated/murdered by James Earl Ray with a rifle. James Earl Ray had a bad punishment for killing MLK. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

Martin Luther King Jr said a lot in his speech. "Let freedom ring" in my opinion meaning happiness should be spread across the earth and everyone should be treated equally. I can relate to MLK'S feelings. I myself am different too. I was born with only a thumb on my right hand. I sometimes call it my Lucky Fin, like from Finding Nemo. With my limb difference I've had to deal with not being treated equally or being stared at. I feel similar to how Martin Luther King must have felt. It's fine if you stand out though, because we are all different on the outside. But inside we are all made the same!

My hopes and dreams are to be an author and illustrator when I'm older. Someday maybe I'd write about how I feel about his speech. Because I want to share my feelings that his speech is amazing in many ways. I have a lot of feelings for MLK but my strongest feeling is that I think he didn't deserve to die. And many people agree. If MLK were alive today I would thank him for changing half the world with a great speech. Someday I would like the other half to realize how good his speech was.

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