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January is coming up soon; just in time to celebrate the day of Martin Luther King Jr, and all of his achievements and honors throughout the decades of segregation and discrimination, all because the color of your skin. His speeches were to raise awareness of racial inequalities in America, especially his "I Have A Dream" speech. He wanted freedom of those for not only Black Americans, but all races to come together and say to themselves, "Everyone should be treated the same with the same rights, no matter from their skin color."

Many times in his life, he joined peace protests for not only African Americans, but all races. He also joined the Bus Boycott, with signs for peace and equality. This shows his motivation as a civil rights leader to gain attention of others that this is a real problem in America. Even though they gained attention, segregation still continued.

In the life of a segregated country, they were bathrooms for white Americans, and ones for black Americans. Schools, entrances, telephone booths, even water fountains were separated even though the water tastes the same. This made me feel that all races don't have any connection during the 50s and 60s, and that colored people don't get as much privilege, which is depressing. These people would definitely feel restrained from what happened during this period.

Luckily the year after King's dream speech, Congress noticed the political disagreement, which they passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to outlaw discrimination against others, even though slavery lingered for a while. This makes me feel very fortunate that we don't have as much slavery and discrimination now, but racism still exists presently.