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“I Have a Dream”

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), spoke these words from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to a quarter of a million people:

“I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this 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.’

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood...

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today...”

Do you believe Martin Luther King’s dream has come true?

Your Task:

Write your own “I have a Dream” speech, telling what you would like to see in America’s future.