

# More Than a Dream

## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you know about Martin Luther King, Jr.?

### Definitions:

- Judge – to form an opinion about
- Content – what is inside
- Character – what a person is really like, as shown by the way he or she thinks, talks, or acts
- Racism – unfair treatment of people based on the belief that one race is better than another



## Reading

### I Have a Dream

4 I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a  
19 Nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin,  
32 But by the content of their character.

39 I have a dream today!

44 I have a dream that one day... little black boys and girls  
56 will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls  
69 as sisters and brothers.

73 I have a dream today!

78 Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963

83 Martin Luther King, Jr. did more than dream. He worked very hard to make his dream come  
100 true. He talked with leaders about the unfair treatment of black people. He gave speeches to huge  
117 crowds.

118 He stressed that we should judge people by their actions and words, not by their skin color.  
135 His message was clear. Black, white, or brown – all should be treated equally.

148 Black families suffered from racism. They were forced to sit at the back of city buses. They  
165 could not use the same bathrooms as white people. They were sometimes beaten, just because of  
181 their skin color.

184 Martin Luther King, Jr. listened to their stories. He gave them hope. He worked to make  
200 changes in the law. He did much more than dream!

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## Understanding

1. What was the name of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When did he give this speech? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are some examples of racism? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How did Martin Luther King, Jr. work for change? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Do you think Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream has come true? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Write about Martin Luther King Jr. and the work he did.

Choice B: Write about your own experiences with racism.

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