



WATCH & LEARN: NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS: POLITICS: THE SIXTIES

MLK - I HAVE A DREAM (1:31 min) VIDEO Script & Vocabulary (page 1 of 1/v1107)

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2 - B1) AND ABOVE

- ◊ Read the script and note new vocabulary
- ◊ Write three sentences using new vocabulary
- ◊ Prepare for the discussion questions

Starting
Off

The "I Have a Dream" speech was delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 28th, 1963 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. before an audience of 250,000.

- 1 Read the **Video Script** below. The words in **bold** are defined in the **Vocabulary** section. Look up any new words in a dictionary.
- 2 Go to the **Your Turn** section at the end of this document. Practice using new words and expressions from the video script to prepare for your next class.
- 3 Look at the **Discussion Questions** and prepare your responses for the next class.

Discussion Questions:

- ◊ Do you believe that Dr. King's dream has been achieved?
- ◊ Why do you think the Lincoln Memorial was chosen as the site of this speech?
- ◊ Think of some other important speeches in world history. Why were they important and still remembered today?

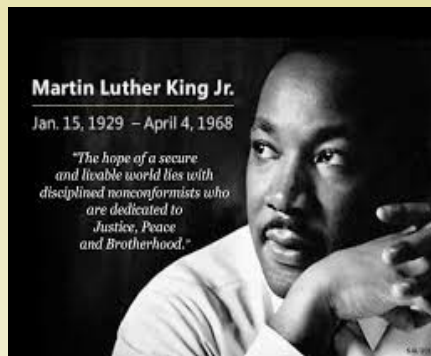
Video Script:

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** slaves and the sons of former slave **owners** will be able to sit down together at the table of **brotherhood**.

I have a dream that my four little 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...

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be **exalted**, every **hill** and mountain shall be made **low**, the **rough** places will be made **plain**, and the **crooked** places will be made **straight**, and the glory of the Lord **shall** be revealed, and all **flesh** shall see it together.



Vocabulary:

- **rise up** - begin to fight in order to protest or remove a ruler or government
- **live out** - do the things you have dreamed of doing
- **creed** - statement of the basic beliefs of a religion; an idea or set of beliefs that guides the actions of a person or group
- **former** - existing in the past; ancient; previous
- **owners** - people who have (something) as property
- **brotherhood** - feelings of friendship, support, and understanding between people
- **content** - composition of something
- **exalt** - raise (someone or something) to a higher level
- **hill** - usually rounded area of land that is higher than the land around it but that is not as high as a mountain
- **low** - not tall; opposite of high
- **rough** - having a surface that is not even
- **plain** - large, flat open area of land
- **crooked** - not straight
- **straight** - not having curves, bends, or angles
- **shall** - used to say that something is expected to or will happen in the future
- **flesh** - the physical nature of a person rather than the mind or spirit

Vocabulary continued on next page...

Your Turn! Using new vocabulary is the best way to learn and remember it.

- 1 Choose three words or expressions from the video that are new to you and write a sentence using each one in your notebook.
- 2 Try to use them in a context that is familiar to you to help you retain them.
- 3 Please ask for feedback on your sentences in the next lesson.