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## A Man and a Dream

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspirational figure in the civil rights movement. He never gave up fighting for what he believed in, and he always used peaceful protesting to make his points known. King believed that nothing could be solved with violence. He supported many people who stood up against racism. King's speeches made a huge impact on our nation.

In the mid-1900s, most of our country was divided. During this time, people who were different were discriminated against. There were many African Americans who were injured or killed. King wanted to change this. He devoted his life to uniting our country. In his dream, everyone was equal.

There were many incidents where African Americans were being treated without human dignity. On some occasions, furious members of the Ku Klux Klan would send threats or even kill those of other races. Not many of these members received justice for their actions. People of color had to live in fear. King worked to help these people to give them new opportunities for their lives.

King resorted to love instead of brutality. He gave many speeches that are still admirable today. He is still respected as one of the greatest leaders America has ever seen. King's words and actions changed many people's ideas and opinions. There were many who hated him, but he never stopped changing the world.

King didn't always succeed after reciting a speech. Some of his points didn't reach everyone. He received a lot of hate from people who were against him. Yet, King never gave up hope. He wanted our country to be a place for all races to live in peace. He said,

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." (Garrow, World Book Online).

King didn't want people to feel as though they weren't good enough. He felt that everyone was equal, and that we should all have equal rights and opportunities.

Today, all races have equal rights and opportunities in the United States. King's speeches made a huge impact on our country. Unfortunately, there is still hatred and racism, and King would probably be disappointed in the way people treat each other today. But I believe he would be happy to see how far we've come. King would tell us to stand up and be an inspiration to others by promoting peace, love and unity in our society. Even when only one person speaks up, our world has the potential to change.

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