

# Read Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech in its entirety

Responding to the text

1. What was the beacon light of hope Martin Luther King was referring to?

The beacon light of hope that Martin Luther King was referring to was to end Negro slaves

2. Who is he referring to as architects of our republic ?

The American government

3. What do you understand in this paragraph?

But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. I understand that the Negro's are still not free and still under the American shadow

4. What is your understanding of this statement: America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds? I understand that America's people have paid the Negro badly

5. What is he comparing freedom to? Slavery ?

6. What did he say when he urged people to not be bitter? He urged people not to be bitter but to have dignity and discipline

7. What are some of the conditions black people lived with mentioned in Martin Luther King's speech? Negro people had to live in Segregation

8. What are his dreams? His dreams were to stop racism