

“I Have a Dream” by *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice, August 28, 1963

Elements of Literature

Genre

What Genre is this text?	The Genre of this text is
What is the Historical Context in which it was written?	The year was The movement was The leader was Activities / actions

Theme

What is the theme of King’s speech?	The Theme of this speech is
Is there an archetype you can associate with this text?	(The American Dream – the rise to wealth and social recognition through hard work; all men are free)

Setting

When and where did King give the speech?	
What is the relationship between Dr King the world he lives in?	Dr King is trying to • •
What political movement is happening in the country?	• • •
What are the rules, beliefs, values expressed in the speech?	African Americans
Is Dr King a representative of American society? In what way?	Dr. King is a representative of American because

Style

What is the style of this speech?	This speech is a
Why did Dr. King chosen this particular style of speaking?	
What is the effect?	People

What is the purpose of the speech?	The purpose of this speech is
Effect	
What feelings do you have as you listen to the speech? Why?	I feel
How does Dr. King's delivery affect your feelings?	Dr. King's delivery made me feel
What ideas do you get from the speech? How do you react to the ideas? Why?	The speech
Literary and speech devices	
Repetition: Why does Dr. King keep repeating "I have a dream that...."?	I think Dr. King repeats "I have a dream" because
Allusion:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why does Dr. King <i>allude to</i> (use words from) songs – "Let freedom ring" and "Free at Last!"? Why does Dr. King <i>allude to</i> (use words from) the Declaration of Independence? 	<p>Dr. King uses songs because</p> <p>Dr. King uses (quotes) from the Declaration of Independence because</p>
Elements of Language	
Grammar	
Write your own future tense sentences that begin with, "I have a dream that..."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I have a dream that I have a dream that I have a dream that I have a dream that I have a dream that