

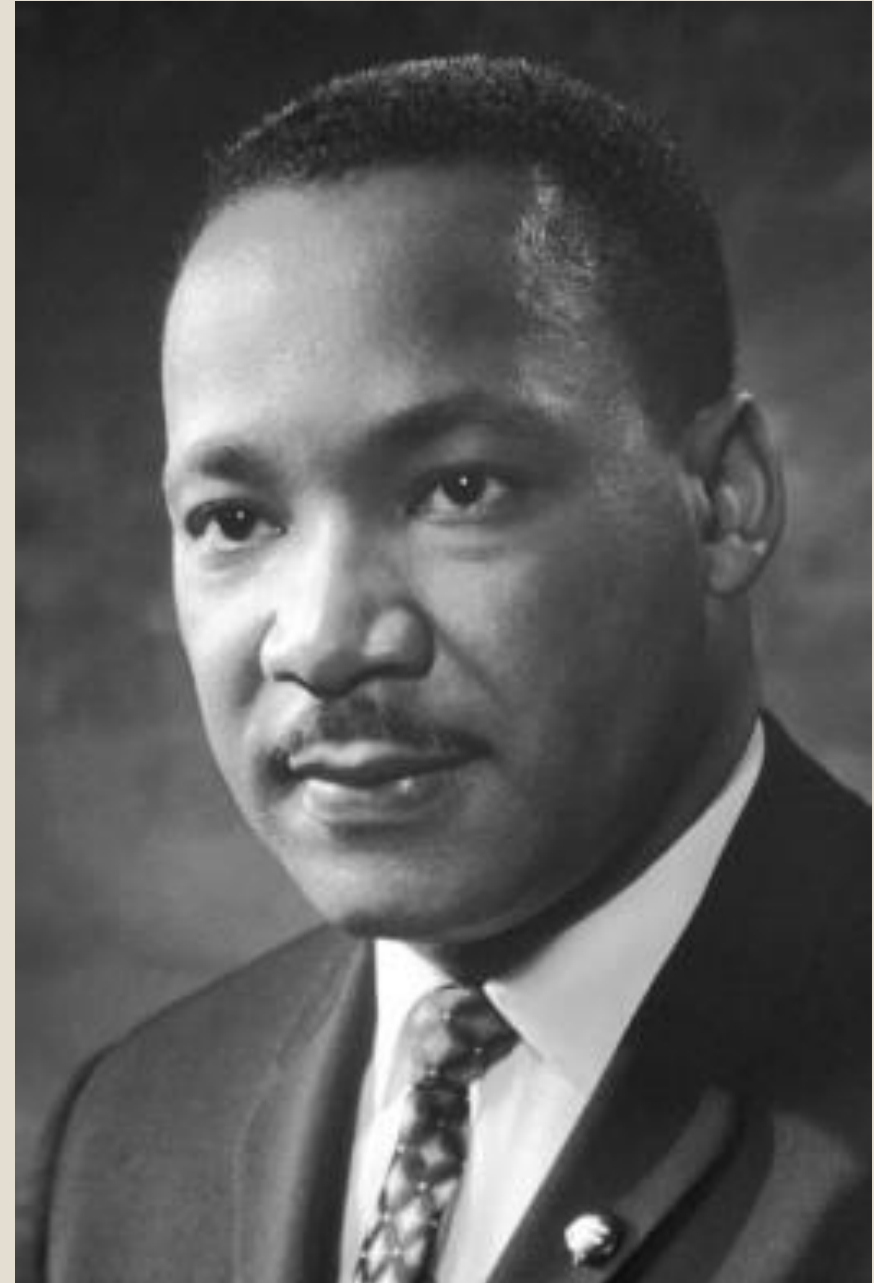


I HAVE A DREAM

- Who is this man?
- What is he known for?
- Why might we be learning about him today?

Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr.; January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Christian minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

King is best known for advancing civil rights through non-violence, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.



'I have a dream'

- What did you notice about the way he spoke?
- What's the message?
- What was his vision for the future?
- Has this happened?



I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream ... I have a dream that one day in Alabama, with its vicious racists, that one day right here in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

How does MLK describe the future nation he wants his children to live in?

What is the message of this passage?

How has MLK used language/techniques to make his speech memorable and persuasive?

What is figurative language?

Recap similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification. What are they? Can you give me an example?

I have a dream that one day
this world can live in harmony.
And that the youth of today will access an education.

Read through the example stanza.

Is this powerful enough? Does it inspire you?

How could we improve it? How can we add figurative language for effect?

- **What are your dreams for our future world?**
- Discuss – what are some current issues that you could include?
- Plan the figurative language that you are going to use in your poem. What is the message you'd like to portray? How can you inspire others with your words?
- Share good examples of the various different types of figurative language that you have used – what are you proud of?