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BECAUSE OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

AGES 5-8





A MARCH ON WASHINGTON,

The March on Washington was really called "The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" - and that's exactly what it was. The goal of the March was to fight for the rights of African Americans - and not just for them to be treated the same as Whites but also for them to have access to the same opportunities. The March happened on August 23, 1963. About 250,000 people attended.



The March did not happen by accident. It took a lot of planning over a long time. In

fact, a man named A. Philip Randolph had planned a march on Washington in 1941 to fight for Black soldiers being allowed to fight in World War II. It was canceled because the President at that time, Franklin D. Roosevelt, met with Randolph and and found a **resolution**. Years later when John F. Kennedy was president and issues for Blacks were still arising, Randolph proposed another March on Washington.



Martin Luther King Jr was a speaker at the March on Washington and that is where he gave the famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. He was supposed to speak for 4 minutes and ended up speaking for 16. But that speech was one of the most powerful speeches of all time. Leaders said that the March helped to get the Civil Rights act passed.

A SPEECH ON DREAMS

Read a part of the speech below and then answer the questions

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties of the moment, I still have of Mississippi will be transformed into an a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

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: 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 a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four 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.

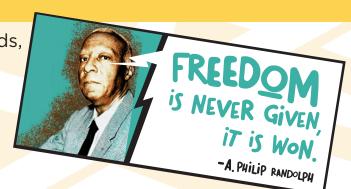


I. What was the goal of the March on Washington?	21010
2. Who planned the March on Washington?	
3. What words in Martin Luther King's speech are connected to your sense (sight, smell, taste, hearing, feel)?	es

WRITE A SPEECH!

People write speeches for many reasons. Some are for awards, some to move people to action, some to inspire, and some to share about changes you want to make. Words are very important, and speeches can have a lot of power.

Use the space below to write a speech. Think about words that will help people use their senses and make your speech come alive.



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Hello. My name is	
(Insert name) and I am here to	talk about
(Insert topic). This is important because
(Write why you think people no	eed to hear about your topic).
Think about this	
(Write an interesting fact or qu	uote).
Here are two facts about	Here are two
facts about	(Insert topic). The first is
Another one is	
Another one is	

THE POWER OF SPEECH



Finish your speech! We need to do (What do you want people to do?) _____ Remember (What is one important thing people should remember from your speech?) AII AII AII GLOSSARY AII II AII Attend - to go to and be present at Canceled - to stop doing or planning to do (something) : to decide that something (such as a game, performance, etc.) will not happen **Resolution** - the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc.

A MOVEMENT IN TIME

Using some information from the reading on the March on Washington, you will use numbers from the text to solve math problems.





- 1. The text says MLK "was supposed to speak for 4 minutes and ended up speaking for 16". How many more minutes did he speak than what he was supposed to?
- 2. If Martin Luther King Jr had only spoken for 2 minutes, how much longer would he have to speak for 4 minutes?
- 3. If in the first meeting to plan the March there were 3 people, the next meeting another 5 people, and the next meeting another 12, how many people helped to plan the March in total?



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TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR

I WILL BELIEVE I WILL PURSUE MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP OTHERS ALONG