

**BECAUSE  
OF THEM  
WE CAN**

**BOX**

**JUST FOR KIDS**

# BECAUSE OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

AGES 5 - 8

**WE DEMAND  
JUSTICE!**

**WE DEMAND  
VOTING RIGHTS  
NOW!**

BOTWC MINIS POSING AS  
PROTESTERS AT THE MARCH ON  
WASHINGTON



# 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 found a **resolution**. Years later when John F. Kennedy was president and issues for Blacks were still arising, Randolph proposed another March on Washington.



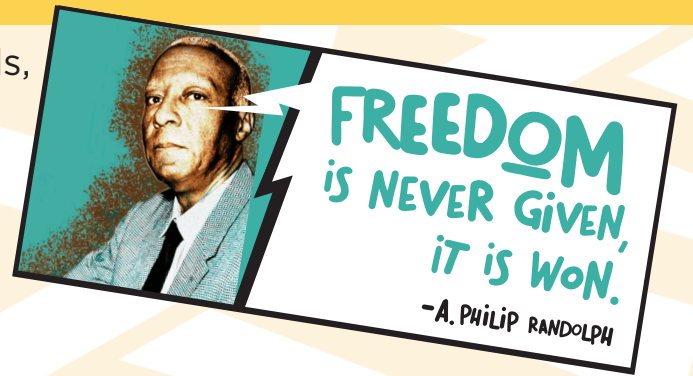
Martin Luther King Jr was a speaker at the March on Washington and that is where he gave the famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. He was supposed to speak for 4 minutes and ended up speaking for 16. But that speech was one of the most powerful speeches of all time. Leaders said that the March helped to get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



# 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.*



**Hello. My name is** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Insert name) and I am here to talk about** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Insert topic). This is important because**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Write why you think people need to hear about your topic).**

**Think about this** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Write an interesting fact or quote).**

**Here are two facts about** \_\_\_\_\_ **Here are two**

**facts about** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Insert topic). The first is**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Another one is** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# 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?



ANSWER KEY: (1) 12 (2) 2 (3) 20

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

**I WILL HONOR**  
THE SACRIFICES OF  
MY ANCESTORS.

**I WILL BELIEVE**  
IN ME.

**I WILL PURSUE**  
MY DREAMS.

**I WILL HELP**  
OTHERS ALONG  
THE WAY.