

I have a dream today!

Conquerors, rulers, kings, and queens

I have a dream that one day I will graduate from college and live a successful life...

I have a dream that my kids will grow up and live a full and healthy life,

I have a dream of peace and security for everyone

A dream for everyone to love, and to feel to be free...

Free of judgment...

The only thing we have to live for is our determination, motivation and willingness to live, to grow to be only ourselves...

A dream for us all to be conquerors, rulers, kings, and queens until the end of time...

A dream that's not judged by one's point of view—Only by God—Because,

I Have a Dream, I Have a Dream, I HAVE A DREAM

LaShaunda Rimson

A dream of tolerance and opportunity

I have a dream that religion will become more inclusive and ecumenical and tolerant.

I have a dream that gays and lesbians will be allowed to marry.

I have a dream that hate crimes will no longer happen.

I have a dream that all young people will receive a good education, especially those who struggle most.

I have a dream that everyone will receive excellent health care.

I have a dream that our senior citizens will be cared for with the respect and dignity they deserve.

I have a dream that young people will receive the message that pregnancy and child rearing are a serious venture and should be undertaken when one is adequately prepared for it, that, along with sexual activity comes sexual responsibility.

Martha Grogan

Union and peace

I have a dream that one day there will be peace, that there will be no more war between our countries, that innocent people will not be dying for the cause of others, that our different countries and societies will be of one mind.

I have a dream that rich and poor will enjoy the benefits equally, that there will be union in all of us, like a family, no matter where we come from.

A dream of equality.

A dream of peace and security.

A dream of union, respect and acceptance.

When this happens, we will be transformed into a new person. We will be of one mind, one love, with just one goal—to have union and peace.

Abby Martinez

The dream of our parents and grandparents

Last night I had a dream that all men and women were treated equal and they all were free. I had this dream because the reality is not so. There is still so much racism. Yes, we have more access to certain unalienable rights. But they still try to contain us, box us, and cage us. They try to control where we go, what we wear, harass and stereotype us. When will this end? We want the dream of the slave, the dream Martin Luther King talked about at the Lincoln Memorial. We want the dream of our parents. We, too, want the American dream that our grandparents fought for and died for. So I ask— when will this dream become reality?

Enjoyli Henley

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*A dream
of equality.*

*A dream
of peace
and security.*

*A dream
of union, respect
and acceptance.*

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More of our dreams



Surviving four more years

I have a dream that our troops will return home and be reunited with their families.

I have a dream that we will survive the Bush administration.

I have a dream that, if we need to collect social security, it will be available to us.

I have a dream that men will take their places in the family and raise their daughters and sons.

Michelle Kimbrough

Time to return to civility

I have a dream that the personal touch we once knew in this world is restored. I remember a time when you could call the doctor's office and speak to a cheerful nurse that would listen to your complaints and relay your concerns to the doctor. In today's world, the only voice on the other end is an automated one. I can only think of my own bad experience with this system; when you are a mother of four and distressed or ill, it's hard to remember which number to push to get you to the right person. Many people today are irritated and annoyed by this awesome "new technology." How discouraging it must be for those who have a disability or language barrier—the frustration of trying to get the information you seek from a real person.

I have a dream that the human side of people will come out once again, that, instead of getting irritated that the person in front of you in line asked one too many questions, we will instead rejoice that, just like you, their time is just as valuable. But in this dream we must all sacrifice and be more patient and loving of our fellow man. We must all think of how we feel waiting in line or on the phone to conduct everyday life. I have a dream that the personal touch we once knew in this world is restored.

Sherreallyum Allen

Emily Dickinson Finds Heaven at Home

Some keep the Sabbath going to Church—
I keep it, staying at Home—
With a Bobolink for a Chorister—
And an Orchard, for a Dome—

Some keep the Sabbath in Surplice—
I just wear my Wings—
And instead of tolling the Bell, for Church,
Our little Sexton—sings.

God preaches, a noted Clergyman—
And the sermon is never long,
So instead of getting to Heaven, at last—
I'm going, all along

(Vocabulary: "bobolink"=songbird;
"surplice"=clergyman's white gown;
"sexton"=church worker)

James Robinson Responds

Emily Dickinson, one of America's greatest poets, uses images of sound, nature, and religion to fascinate her readers. "I just wear my Wings—And instead of tolling the Bell, for Church, Our little Sexton—sings" (p. 217, J. 324. lines 6-8). This shows how she applies all three in this poem about a person's poetic examination of the way to elect to fellowship with God. She even keeps a distinct rhythm when the even as well as odd numbered lines in her poem have nearly if not exactly the same number of syllables in them; making it read like a song. This as well as the message is attractive to me in this poem because I feel that God can minister to me more with his own words through meditation in the peace and comfort of my own home. I'd rather this than hearing them from another man who asks himself, "Whose words are better than God's?" Then there are those who serve the Lord in public but raise hell at home. (James Robinson)



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“Women” by Alice Walker

They were women then
 My mama’s generation
 Husky of voice- Stout of
 Step
 With fists as well as
 Hands
 How they battered down
 Doors
 And ironed
 Starched white
 Shirts
 How they led
 Armies
 Head dragged Generals
 Across mined
 Fields
 Booby-trapped
 Ditches
 To discover books
 Desks
 A place for us
 How they knew what we
 Must know
 Without knowing a page
 Of it
 Themselves.

Climbing that ladder**By Farrah Lott**

In the poem “Women,” Alice Walker uses concrete words to express how hard our women ancestors overcame barriers and formed the ladder, opening up new doors for women today. She leads the reader’s mind through a visual history and helps us remember some of those women. She starts by describing slavery. This reminds me of women like Sojourner Truth.

A husky voice comes from singing and crying out their pain from being forced to labor in the fields, when they’d rather be tending to their own families at home. ...I visualized that ladder, and I appreciate the success of women today.

A visual history of my ancestors**By Kia Thomas**

I chose Alice Walker’s poem “Women” because its content is based from a historical perspective. This poem represents clear visuals of the role and the responsibilities held by my ancestors. The technique that she used was almost in a story format. ...The imagery is the strongest aspect of her poem. The poem flows well and has an element of rhythm, but the imagery is what really drives home her ideas.

“
*A husky voice
 comes from
 singing and
 crying out their
 pain...*”

**Alice Walker****Profile Subjects**

Sherreallyum Allen	Gwendolyn Brooks
Aziel Bell	Roberto Clemente
Aaron Blacks	Bob Marley
Corina Brown	Bruce Lee
Daphne Daniels	Ossie Davis
Terry Fox	Jesus the Christ
Martha Grogan	Alvin Ailey
Denise Hardnett	tba
Enjoyli Henley	Tupac
Charles Hill	Jesse Owens
Juliane Hughes	Georgia O’Keeffe
Michelle Kimbrough	Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz

Profile schedule

Due tonight:
 sources

March 16:

Thesis statement

April 6:

Rough draft #1

April 20:

Rough draft #2

April 27:

Final draft

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Maya Angelou

Jane Addams

Emma Lazarus

Ghandi

Anna Julia Cooper

Ralph Ellison

Mahalia Jackson

Alice Walker

Muhammad Ali

Mother Teresa

B.B. King

Martin Luther King

“There are no synonyms” Department

WISE

adjective

Definition: intelligent

Synonyms: astute, aware, calculating, careful, clever, cogitative, contemplative, crafty, cunning, discerning, discreet, educated, enlightened, erudite, experienced, foresighted, grasping, informed, insightful, intuitive, judicious, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, perceptive, **perspicacious**, politic, prudent, rational, reasonable, reflective, sagacious, sage, sane, sapient, scholarly, sensible, sensing, sharp, shrewd, smart, sophic, sound, tactful, taught, thoughtful, understanding, wary, well-informed, witty.

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This week's special guest word:

PERSPICACIOUS

purr-spa-KAY-shus

Adj: Having or showing penetrating mental discernment.

From the Latin “perspicere”: to look through

So, what's “discernment”?

n. Keeness of insight and judgment.

