

HS101 Lab7

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Q1. What according to you was Martin Luther King Jr.'s purpose in delivering the speech "I have a Dream"?

The speech "I have a dream" by Martin Luther King is known to the people of the world as a call for equality and freedom. Martin Luther king was an American civil rights activist and Baptist minister. This famous public speech was delivered by him on 28 August,1963. Through that speech, he made an effort to make mass people aware of the ongoing problems of the then American society regarding civil rights. Through that speech he also presented the reasons why racism and discrimination among people must be eradicated. He tried to reveal the actual scenario of civil rights in America and was successful in his attempt. In his speech, he proved how Negros are still being deceived in the name of civil rights. He showed how negros were deprived in every sector including health education, financial condition and funding. Besides presenting the actual events of deceit, he also showed the way how can negros get their rights back and become fully free from the shackles of captivity.

Q2. Why does Luther emphasise/lay stress on peaceful and non-violent movement for freedom and equality for the blacks?

Martin Luther King in his historic speech titled "I have a dream" emphasized on peaceful and nonviolent movement for assuring freedom and equality for the blacks. In his speech besides making people aware of the racial, civil and financial inequality in the USA, he also showed people the way to resolve this problem and ensure proper rights people of all class,creed,color,religion. For this he put the spotlight on peaceful movement. He believed that the process hatred towards opponent is an old and bad strategy to obtain ones own rights. Its because this hatred can lead to the cycle of revenge and retaliation. Due to this,

the problem will not be solved, rather lives of people will be at stake. Only nonviolence and peaceful approach can break the cycle of violence and revenge and prevail long lasting peace by ensuring the proper civil rights for the black people.

Q3. What is Luther's dream in his speech "I have a Dream" and how is it connected with the 'American Dream'?

Luther kings' dream in his speech "I have a Dream" is deeply connected with the "American Dream" of making America a great nation. In his speech he said that he dreamt that one day all his children can live in a nation where no one will judge them on the basis of their color, class but on the basis of their character. One day in Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together as brothers. He dreamt that one day all people will actually believe this to be true that all men are to be treated equally. All this will help to prevent violence and discrimination and ensure peace and tranquility in the country. If people of all class gets united then, peace will prevail and the nation will prosper. Only then the American Dream of making America a great nation will be fulfilled.

Q4. Martin Luther King Jr. uses several types of figurative language in his speech. Identify some of these throughout the text. How does the use of figurative language enhance the speech?

In the speech "I have a dream", Martin Luther King used metaphors figurative languages to give his speech a poetic approach.

Firstly, he compared the anger of black people as scorching summer heat and that will not be extinguished until revitalizing autumn comes. Here he compared autumn with equality and freedom. Secondly, he compared injustice to the scorching heat and justice and freedom to an oasis. Thirdly, he compares racial inequity to the "jangling discords of our nation" and the accomplishment of equality as a "beauty of brotherhood." Finally, with the line "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

he compared freedom to a thirst satisfying drought and hatred to a cup of bitterness.