

## HS101

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- 1) Through this speech, Martin Luther King Jr. tried to motivate the African-Americans and strengthen them morally. By listing all the positive changes that he wishes to see in the near future, he tried to strengthen their determination . He strongly believed that a day would come when the citizens in America won't be judged based on their complexion but would rather be , based on the content of their character and the capabilities they have. The white boys and girls would play with the black boys and girls and no one will have any prejudice in their mind. He also mentioned various regions of the country, thereby believing that a day would certainly come when there will be freedom across the nation. All people from every nook and corner of the country would then be treated equally and each one of them will have all the rights that any citizen should have.
- 2) Martin Luther King Jr. was a believer of Non-violence, as is evident from his speech. He believed that the African-Americans should fight for their basic citizenship rights and freedom, but in a non-violent way, i.e. by holding peaceful demonstrations. He believed America to be the country of both- the whites and the blacks, and hence emphasized on carrying out peaceful and non-violent movement for freedom and equality, so that all would be able to live together in harmony thereafter. He did not support the usage of violence against the people and government of his own country because being violent would have possibly given way to a long-term enmity among the people.
- 3) In his speech 'I have a Dream', Martin Luther King Jr. dreams of a nation which is built on the foundation of equality and freedom. A country where people would not be judged based on their skin-colour, but would rather be, based on the content of their character and their capabilities. He dreams of a country where all the children- black or white, would play together, without any pre-judice in their minds. This dream of Martin Luther is indeed very deep and it will directly affect the entire country in many ways. The establishment of complete equality and freedom would help America in becoming a better place to live in. It would also help the African-Americans to make the best use of their knowledge, skills and capabilities and thereby contribute in the overall progress of the country.
- 4) Martin Luther King Jr. has used several types of figurative language throughout his speech, and this has made the speech more impactful. Repetition has been used, since the phrase 'I have a Dream' is repeated several times in the speech. We can also see the indirect comparisons being made, like 'the sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent ' , which means that metaphor has been used at several places of the speech as well. Alliteration is also used at places like 'sweltering summer'. These and many more figures of speech that are being used in Martin Luther's speech have made the speech more interesting and motivating.

**Thank You**