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As January and February come upon us we are remembering very famous people in history, like George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln, but don't forget a very important man: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. King accomplished many great things in his short life but one very important thing was his movement to end racial injustice in America. One of the very important things that Dr. King did was his "I Have a Dream" speech. Today I will be commemorating the good things Dr. King did. I truly hope you will take an interest to find out more about one of the most esteemed leaders for the people and justice and what he means to me. "I Have a Dream" is the famous speech that started many revolutionary nonviolent movements and marches in America's history. This speech was performed on August 28th, 1963 near the Lincoln Memorial in front of many peaceful protestors struck through America like a lightning bolt in the sky causing thunder to rumble, attitudes to change, the skies to brighten, and a storm to come. Dr. King said many things in this speech, but something that has always stuck with me is the part where he said in paragraph 22 (if you were to read it) "One day right in Alabama little black girls and boys will be able to join hands with little white girls and boys as sisters and brothers." The accomplished Dr. King spread hope to everyone with his diligent ability to captivate any audience. Immediately, this passage stuck with me because it made me think, even if this was the spark of peaceful protests and painful words that America as a country needed to hear, it was truly only the beginning of a long movement.

Black Lives Matter is the newest example of the civil rights movement that is fighting against systemic racism, although, like the second day of the "Selma Bridge March" the Black Lives Matter movement is made out of all races, genders, and religions. This is something that I think that Dr. King would be proud of. I think this because it shows people coming together for the greater good. While I think that Dr. King would be proud I also think that he may be just the slightest bit upset that this many years later we are still having to fight all these horrible ideas and prejudices about African Americans which go back to the times of slavery. I think that eventually, we will have a country and world where there is no racial injustice. Dr. King means to me what he most likely means to many, Dr. King was an astounding, very smart, extraordinary, and amazing man and when I grow up I want to be able to be at least a little like him. When he saw a difference he didn't just let it be. He made sure that people knew it was wrong and he cared for everybody. When I grow up I want to be able to help people, just like him. I want to speak out against what's wrong, and not just accept defeat. I want to keep fighting for what is right and never give up. This is one of the many reasons why I admire Dr. King so much, he never stopped believing in what is right and he never gave up. I think that we should aspire to be a little more like Dr. King, meaning that we should all always believe in what we want to and in ourselves. When I grow up, no matter how close or far away that might be, I want to fight. I want to fight for beliefs instead of prejudices, I want to fight for what is right for my country and the world I know could exist if everybody could believe and I hope that with enough courage and strong compassionate voices/words we will get there. And when I say fight I mean with our voices making the others weak not with our fists but with our words. After all, many do say that, "Pens cut harder than swords". And we will share what they have tried so hard to silence but we will fight back for a world where everyone is equal as our own Pledge of Allegiance says, "Liberty and Justice for All."

In conclusion, Dr. King was a great man who was and still is admired by many. America needed his help back then as much as we need him and his legacy today. Dr. King was taken from us too soon, but we can still sense his presence every time a change has been made for the greater good, and I'm sure that

Dr. King would want us to do what is right, but also what has to be done. What I'm writing today isn't nearly as much work as what Dr. King had to do just to get his movement recognized and I am proud to be able to write about such an honorable man. I would never be able to cover everything he did but I hope that you can realize and envision the amazing man he was.