

Realizing the Dream: Equality for All

The legacy of the Civil Rights Movement can be seen in the strides that have been made against discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation.

Format

The Easy Essay allows students to articulate their feelings on the topic in only 100 words. Each question can be assigned daily or over the course of five weeks. During Nevada's Law Month, a total of \$500 in prizes was awarded to the top three essays submitted during the contest. Teachers can choose to award prizes or use this exercise to encourage written expression on the topic.

Question 1:

Martin Luther King dreamed of a time when everyone would share equally in the benefits of this nation. However, equality has different meanings for different people. What does equality mean to you?

Question 2:

The Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal. Today, more than 200 years later, do you believe we truly have achieved equality in this country?

Question 3:

In 1963, Martin Luther King inspired the nation with his "I have a dream" speech. Do you believe his dream has come true, or do we still need to struggle for equality today? Why?

Question 4:

How has the issue of equality or inequality affected your school? As a student, what can you do today to promote "equality for all" at your school? What should your school do?

Question 5:

What person do you admire in the fight for the dream of equality? Tell us why and how that person has affected your life?