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The Senior Class of 2016 Project: The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom August 28, 1963



Dear Seniors,

On August 28, 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr. organized a now historic march to Washington to show the importance of solving the United States racial problems. About 250,000 people gathered and listened to his immortal words: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character".¹ To honor this historic event, the Senior Class will re-create the scene of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech". The living museum exhibition will take place on Monday, February 22nd.

Each member of the Senior Class is required to:

1. Read and annotate Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech
2. Observe and analyze photos from the March on Washington and:
 - a. Pick a sign
 - b. Research the meaning of the sign
 - c. Re-create the sign
 - d. Be prepared to answer questions regarding the event
3. Learn the lyrics of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and:
 - a. Be prepared to sing

Additionally, **one member** of each Senior Talk Group will read parts of the speech in front of the Senior Class. (10 speakers total) Coaches will each select **one member** from their group to represent their team.

Attached you will find Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" and the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing" the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National Anthem.²

¹ http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-wall.html

² <http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/black-authors-spoken-word-poetry/lift-every-voice-and-sing/>