

I Have a Dream – Challenge Activity 1

We all know that viewing a piece of art is a pleasurable experience. But do you know that art can also be used to make a social, historical and enlightening statement? In the next piece you will observe many aspects of one man's life and the parts of history that shaped his life and his thinking. Take a journey into the past by observing this piece of art, and see how the events in this one man's life, presented through art, affected the present as well as the future.

"The intent of this monument is to provide a visual inspiration of Dr. King and his life," Mr. Dwight.

After observing the artwork answer the following questions. Use complete sentences in your answers and challenge your thinking and creativity!

Visit <u>https://denverpublicart.org/public-arts/i-have-a-dream/</u> to help with these questions.

1. Research what is presented in each tier of the central monument. Describe the events that prompted these depictions.

Metaphorically, Dr. King stands on the shoulders of these four historical figures who inspired his life.

- 2. What does metaphorically mean?
- 3. Who are the four people whose shoulders Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is standing on? Not only list the four people, but also give the dates of their births and deaths, and name at least one significant event from their lives that may have inspired Dr. King.

4. Choose one of these individuals and write a short essay about his or her life. Or get creative and write a short story about his or her life! (use a separate piece of paper if you need more room)

Thank you, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."