

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools
2017-2018 MLK, Jr. Art & Writing Contest
Writing Rubric

Theme: Courage: The Solution to Fear

Contest Prompt:

On March 8, 1965 in Selma, Alabama, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke from the pulpit. He spoke these words: "A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true." How do you interpret these words to show courage? Make your answer heard through your art, video, or writing.

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Title of Work: _____

Criteria	1	2	3	4	Points
Demonstrate an understanding of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream for equality and its relevance in the 21st Century through the theme, "Courage: The Solution to Fear"	Work does not explain the theme; nor address the prompt. Ideas do not contain meaningful or varied supporting evidence. Work includes rote repetition of Dr. King's words providing a limited understanding of the courage that Dr. King spoke up for and continues to speak for through his words.	Work somewhat explains the theme and somewhat addresses the prompt. Few ideas contain meaningful or varied supporting evidence. Work includes some rote repetition of Dr. King's word demonstrating a basic understanding of the courage that Dr. King spoke up for and continues to speak for through his words.	Work generally explains the theme and generally addresses the prompt. Ideas generally contain meaningful and varied supporting evidence. Work includes general synthesizing of Dr. King's words with little rote repetition, demonstrating a general understanding of the courage that Dr. King spoke up for and continues to speak for through his words.	Work clearly explains the theme and clearly addresses the prompt. All ideas contain meaningful and varied supporting evidence. Work specifically synthesizes Dr. King's words with little or no rote repetition, demonstrating a high degree of understanding of the courage that Dr. King spoke up for and continues to speak for through his words.	_____
Apply rules of writing structure and organization. Present ideas in a logical and focused manner.	Work lacks a clearly identifiable and connected opening and/or closing. Ideas presented lack focus, appear randomly organized, and are very difficult to follow.	Work includes either an opening or closing but lacks clarity and connection to the main ideas presented. Attempts an organizational structure but generally lacks a singular focus and is somewhat difficult to follow.	Work generally includes an opening and closing which connect to the main ideas presented. Generally maintains an organizational structure throughout the piece with a logical progression. Work is focused and generally easy to follow.	Work definitely includes an opening and closing that are connected to the main ideas presented. Ideas are highly focused and progress in a logical manner. Work is focused and very easy to follow.	_____
Apply rules of grammar and mechanics	Work contains numerous errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that impede overall understanding.	Work contains many errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that begin to impede overall understanding.	Work contains few errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that do not impede overall understanding.	Work contains no errors and exemplifies full command of the rules of grammar and mechanics.	_____
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