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MLK: Complete the Speech



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is probably best known for his inspiring speeches. In 1963, he spoke to the crowds who marched on Washington, D.C. for jobs and freedom. In front of the Lincoln Memorial, he said the words which would later be quoted by millions when discussing the civil rights movement: "I have a dream...." Part of Dr. King's speech is written below, but some of the words are missing. Use the words in the word box to complete the speech.

Word Bank

dream oppression skin state Mississippi
children slaves judged freedom
created nation character truths sit

"I have a _____ that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these _____ to be self-evident: that all men are _____ equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former _____ and the sons of former slave owners will be able to _____ down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of _____, a desert _____, sweltering with the heat of injustice and _____, will be transformed into an oasis of _____ and justice. I have a dream that my four _____ will one day live in a _____ where they will not be _____ by the color of their _____ but by the content of their _____. I have a dream today."

Read through the quote from beginning to end, and consider the world about which Dr. King spoke. Do you think we live in that world today? Why, or why not?
