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### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay

*“I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, quality and freedom for their spirit. I believe that what self-centered [persons] have torn down, other-centered [persons] can build up.”* –Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech

Dr. King wanted to live in a world more tolerant and inclusive than the one he lived in. In other words, Dr. King wanted to live in a world where people are not judged based on skin color, but their character. Dr. King yearned to break down stereotypes and racism against all races. According to Dr. King, character is more eminent than the color of your skin tone.

Unfortunately, Dr. King lived in a world where different races did not get along because of the color of one's skin. The theme of the Dr. King essay impresses upon me that Dr. King wanted different cultures to get along. Not just because some law says that they have to, but because they enjoy each other's company.

To promote equality in communities, teenagers who turn 18 should serve two years of government service. This will provide structure, stability, and direction in young lives. If this should ever happen it will create many career paths and education opportunities. This should also decrease the number of young adults living on the streets.

In addition to promoting equality in a community, neighborhood, and schools, availability of cultural diversity classes should be offered. By doing this it would create more respect of different cultures. These classes could result in more countries becoming allies. Dr. King wanted to have cultures getting together; cultural diversity classes would be the next step to achieving that goal of cultures coming as one.

A more tolerant society would increase the levels of education. People would actually have a dream to pursue, rather than hanging out on the streets, and getting into trouble. Schools would improve, not just extremely fortunate schools, but less fortunate schools would start to improve graduation rates, and higher test scores.

When Dr. King says that he wants a world more tolerant and inclusive he means everyone in the world. Normally people just think he means the United States, with just the African-Americans and Caucasians. Dr. King wanted every race to be fond of each other. In conclusion of this essay, we can still make Dr. King's dream come true. All we need to do is make an effort to creating better schools, neighborhoods, communities, societies, and finally the world.