



Trustworthiness   Respect   Responsibility   Fairness   Caring   Citizenship



## CHARACTER COUNTS! Fairness Essay Contest

### Writing Prompt

Dr. King was one of the most powerful and influential leaders of the civil rights movement, traveling over six million miles and giving over 2,500 speeches in order to try to bring about a world in which all are equal. Today, Dr. King's influence can be seen all over the world, as millions of people carry on his message and work to make the world a better place in his name. Throughout his adult life, Dr. King worked tirelessly for the cause of racial equality and justice. This means that all people, regardless of their race, should be treated the same and have the same rights. As Dr. King said,

- ❖ "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- ❖ "We must learn to live together."

Select one of the above quotes and discuss what that quote means to you.

### Pre - K - 2nd Grade

At school and at home, brainstorm with your teachers, classmates and family what Dr. King's words mean to you and create your essay and/or picture board. Write a paragraph explaining the quote and what fairness means or create a picture board to explain what the quote and fairness means.

### 3rd - 5th

At school and at home, brainstorm with your teachers, classmates and family what Dr. King's words mean to you and create your essay and/or picture board. Write a short essay (3 paragraphs) explaining the quote and what fairness means. Be sure to include convincing reasons and details to support your answer.

Make sure your response has

- ✓ a clear focus, logically related ideas to develop the topic,
- ✓ appropriate organization,
- ✓ enough supporting detail, and
- ✓ effective use of language.



As you produce your final draft, check for correct

- ✓ sentence structure;
- ✓ grammar and usage; and
- ✓ capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Final essays are due Friday, February 24, 2017 to Ms. Coles in room 227. Make sure all essays are neatly written or typed.