

What follows are activities and questions that educators can use with young people to help the young people improve their learning and increase their involvement in their communities.

Writing Activities

1. Choose one of the following virtues related to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work:

- Compassion
- Fairness
- Courage
- Persistence
- Non-violence

Write a short essay about how you try to incorporate that virtue into your own life. What is a specific behavior you would like to change related to this virtue?

2. Interview a leader in your community, such as the mayor or other city official, school superintendent, business leader, community agency personnel, or faith institution leader. Before conducting the interview, design a set of questions related to the issues outlined in *To Dream Again* and how they affect or are being addressed in your community. Write a newspaper or magazine article based on the interview that offers specific recommendations to your community regarding how the community can change related to these issues.
3. Write a letter to Dr. King about the issues addressed in *To Dream Again*, including your thoughts on how the issues affect your life, and how his life and work have made a difference in your community.
4. Develop a community resource booklet listing all of the nonprofit and other community organizations in your community, providing contact information, mission statement, description of their work and the issues they are working to address. With whom can you share this booklet?

5. Write a public service announcement or advertisement about one of the issues raised in *To Dream Again* to a targeted audience in your community. Ask the newspaper or radio to print/broadcast the announcement as a public service.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most important issue that Martin Luther King, Jr. worked on?
2. Why is a strong education system important?
3. What health issues exist in your community? What can be done to improve them?
4. How can you help bring about a non-violent world?
5. What in your community brings you joy and makes you feel hopeful about the world?
6. What is one step you could take today to make your world a better place?
7. What issue would you most like to address in your community?
8. Why do we sometimes forget the lessons that we learn and repeat our mistakes?

Visual Activities

1. Create a mural of the world as Dr. King might see it. Use one half of the mural to depict the changes that have occurred since 1968, and the other half to depict changes that are still needed.
2. Choose one paragraph from *To Dream Again*. Illustrate the concepts discussed in that paragraph.

3. Draw a picture of your community. Include issues or concerns that you would like to see addressed, as well as positive elements that you see around you.