

2023



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. *Writing Contest*

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## ***MLK Essay Contest Prompt 2023***

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***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. advocated for civil rights, non-violent protest, economic and racial justice, and equality for all people. His words still inspire people to work toward creating a better world.***

***In this prompt, we ask you to write a persuasive speech (500 words or less) with the purpose of motivating your fellow students (or people in general) to work together toward greater racial justice and understanding. What can be done to fight racism? Your speech can focus on your school, your community, or the world in general. Try to incorporate your own experience, if possible. How have you been affected by or involved in the issue you choose to address?***

***Before you write, think about:***

- ***WHAT do you want to accomplish with your speech?***
- ***HOW can your listeners help?***
- ***WHAT can you say to inspire and encourage your listeners to work together toward a better world?***

## **Contest Criteria:**

- Open to students in grades 6 through 12 who reside in Kettering, Ohio or attend any school in Kettering.
- Submissions must be submitted by Wednesday November 30th, 2022.
- **Submissions must be made on-line at a google form link that is accessed at:**  
<https://www.ketteringoh.org/martin-luther-king-jr-essay-contest/>
- First and second place winners will be invited to attend a City Council meeting for recognition and a small gift. First place winners are invited to participate in Juneteenth activities.
- Submissions that do not meet the criteria, that plagiarize others' work, or that do not include a complete application form will not be considered.
- Written submissions & photos of winners may be shared publicly with the student and parents' permission.



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