

# Nine dreams: imagining a better future

## Resource sheet

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Humans often have dreams of a better future, and these powerful visions and ideas – not sleeping dreams, but idealistic ones, can lead to transformations for the better in our communities or even in the world.

With a partner, discuss this idea, and fill in the 9 boxes with nine dreams that you can identify – maybe they are your own, or they may have been influenced by religion, spirituality, ethics, music, culture or your education.

Some dreams are for yourself – but others are bigger dreams, and apply to family, society – or even the whole human race or the world. In the grid, express your dreams in detail. Choose your words carefully.

I dream...	I dream...	I dream...



## Nine Dreams: Rev Dr Martin Luther King imagines a better future

**Listen carefully to Martin Luther King's great speech of August 1963. He was 33 years old.**

Play the clip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2th10qzbBU>

Discuss what Dr King's dreams mean, and whether they are coming true, nearly 60 years later. Write your ideas in below.

<p>"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed... that all men are created equal."</p>	
<p>"That one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."</p>	
<p>"That one day even the state of Mississippi sweltering with the heat of injustice... will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice."</p>	
<p>"That my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character."</p>	
<p>"That one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists... little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers."</p>	
<p>"That one day every valley will be exalted, and every hill and mountain made low... and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."</p>	
<p>"We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope... We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."</p>	
<p>"With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."</p>	
<p>"We may be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and gentiles will be able to join hands and sing... 'free at last... thank God Almighty we are free at last.'"</p>	

Quotations used from public domain speeches of Dr Martin Luther King.