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Writing Prompt

In March 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous speech, “I Have a Dream,” in front of a crowd of almost 250,000 people from different races. During this occasion Dr. Martin Luther King Jr was at a huge disadvantage since the black community was not afforded the same respect and even rights as the whites. The audience was from black people to white people wanting to know his claims, thoughts, and plans for the future and why. Dr Martin Luther King Jr,’s main purpose was to make the black community have the same rights as the whites, not trying to look down at the whites, but by appealing to pathos, King inspires compassion and motivates people to work for true equality throughout the United States.

In King's speech he tells the crowd his plans. “We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so, we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice”. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr also uses his words to captivate the audience from being separated and saying that there is the goal in reach but there's going to be a harsh path. He also uses the fact to persuade the audience in captivity that they can accomplish the common goal of the “American Dream” and bring everyone together.

Dr. Martin Luther King told the audience how there was a promissory note that failed to show how their guaranteed Rights, liberty, and happiness was affected due to their skin color as “insufficient funds”. “Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice”. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr also talks about how injustice they have been and leads the mood of the speech depressive and low. But he counters it by giving off

hope and using the civil rights movement in favor of his speech and giving off encouraging words. His forms of words help the audience group together and fight off the injustice following their American dream as that's why they are still in the US.

King is also trying to use more powerful words of encouragement, touching the audience's hearts in order to understand his goals. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr also tells the audience that it's going to be difficult and the path won't be easy but doesn't let the mood of the speech go down and counters it with words of inspiration. "I have a *dream* today! I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together". Martin Luther King uses many words to convey his audience and not just the African American community but the whites as well and these help with pathos by persuading the audience.

In conclusion, Dr Martin Luther King used pathos in his speech inspiring the audience and giving off many motivational words. His words helped out people from all races understand how he truly felt and bring their words together and come back towards the American dream. Using his words he tries to help the audience get motivation in order to face off the injustice that they have been through. His words of "I have a dream" impacts the audience on them as how he is sharing his future plans with the people and wants them to be a part of it as well.