

Here, three fifth graders—inspired by [Martin’s Big Words](#)—by Doreen Rappaport—and U2’s song—[Pride \(in the Name of Love\)](#)—wrote the following speeches about their dreams for a better world. As they wrote and revised, they worked especially hard on their idea development and word choice skills.

Read each speech, then talk with a partner about where you see each author show strength with idea development and word choice skills. Be prepared to share.

I Have a Dream

by Rachael, fifth grade writer

I say to you today that children all around the world need the vital pieces of life: love, hope, and the knowledge of safety. However, some children do not have those basic privileges.

I have a dream that every child will have someone to comfort them, encourage them, and love them. Without love, life is a dry, empty desert.

I have a dream that the children of the world know that they can come home to a parent who will listen to them and understand them.

I have a dream that every child can have an education to give them a hopeful future. Without hope, life is worthless.

I have a dream that the children of the world can know that they each are special, and God loves them no matter what clothes they wear or how much money they have.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that every child can walk outside the door without stepping on a landmine or being attacked.

I have a dream.

I have a dream that the seven-year-old, who is afraid to go to the store because of bombs, is safe.

This is my hope and my dream, that every child could have love, hope, and safety. That the seven year old is safe, the girl who is unable to attend college goes, and, finally, that everyone has love.



I Have a Dream

by Brock, fifth grade writer

I say to you today that the world is a harsh, violent, and nasty place. It needs to be fixed. Peace needs to come.

I have a dream that people will care for the poor, that poverty will come to an end, that suffering and hunger will be stopped, and homelessness will be demolished.

I have a dream that everyone will be able to be educated, go to college, and get a degree.

I have a dream that the war in Iraq will be gone, that Osama Bin Laden will be found, and that Iraq and Iran will be at peace.

I have a dream that people will care for Mother Earth, that they will not litter or pollute.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that peace will one day come to Earth, no suffering, war, or poverty.

I have a dream.

I have a dream that the world will come together and we would live as one.

This is my dream, that peace will fill the air and that people will not suffer but have a peaceful life and be educated, that the world would come together and would be as one.



I Have a Dream

by Bridget, fifth grade writer

I say to you today, all of the little boys and little girls, women and men, that our world isn't perfect and that is okay, but there are some things we need to change.

I have a dream that everyone will smell the biscuits in the morning, taste the turkey at night, and feel full after each meal. It's hard for me to think that everyone doesn't have food, but it's true and sad.

I have a dream that everyone will own nice, warm clothing so they don't have to be in rags or naked and feel the bite of the cold, and moistness of the heat.

I have a dream that schools will be open for everyone to learn, read, write, and study. We think school is like jail, but to some people who don't go to school, it's like soaring in the sky on a nice blue sunny day. Going to school shouldn't cost as much as it does so more people can go, or we should start a school that's free and the teachers get paid by taxes.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that everyone would think and treat everyone else equal, not judge them. People can't help if they're rich or poor, where they live, or what they look like. If you were them, would you like it?

I have a dream.

I have a dream that people aren't so greedy. The people who have the most money seem to not want to give away, or donate money to the poor people or poor countries. The people who don't have that much money give away the most, and it should be the other way around.

I have a dream today.

This is my dream, everyone will be equal, loved, and at least have everything they need, not want. Help me make a difference to our world with everyone in it. I hope there will be shelter for everyone, clothing for everyone and no one will be judged. As you see, I have a dream today!



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