



6th Grade Essay Winner

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Maximillion's Essay

Dr Martin Luther King Jr., had a dream and it was a good dream. I, too, Maximillion Jamar Palmer-Williams have a vision. What is a vision, but a sense of sight, an unusual or supernatural perception, a mental image that is produced by the imagination. It is the imagination of an 11 year old, African American 6th grader that submits this paper through the eyes of a child. I see the issues that concern us as a nation, on every economic, racial, and social level. Such issues as education, healthcare, violence, drugs and family structure.

My vision is to see teachers in the school systems become coaches, willing to train their students and empower their minds for learning, leaving no child behind. I have a vision to see all teachers believing that all students can achieve, and going the distance to make sure that they do. I have a vision today to see young people begin to allow a pen and piece of paper to become their way of expressing their feelings, their words, becoming wisdom and knowledge that speaks life instead of death to our communities. Rivers of thoughts that direct the writing of hurting individuals will become the weapons of mass destruction used to defeat the violence in our streets and bring about a freedom America has yet to see. I have a vision today, that education will become important enough that people will hunger and thirst for the next level of knowledge, because knowledge is power. It is through the knowledge of understanding that we find freedom from those things that have kept us enslaved.

Through the eyes of a child you see everything. Even if you don't understand you hear words that crush your creativity and can stop your growth: murder on the streets, drug addictions, scared to walk down the streets, older people scared to leave their homes. We as young people should be willing to give a



helping hand and so something nice for elderly people. It is our government that needs to remember the older, poor people by giving them cutbacks and discounts so they can get their medication and buy food.

I have a vision today, that people will make investments into the lives of young people starting with the words that they speak to them. Parents stop being so busy with your lives that you forget about our lives as young people. I have a vision that we will become our brother's keeper through families praying together, holding each other accountable, and loving unconditionally. I have a vision today, a vision that calls for action that moves us into motion. It begins with each individual. Can you see yourself becoming better by breaking down the walls through the empowerment of education? It is the family structure that gives a child a solid foundation, one in which God must be the center. I challenge young people across America to take action in their own hands and make this vision come true.