

## The March on Washington and I Have a Dream

Read We Shall Overcome section on the March on Washington, pages 67- 70, and answer the following questions:

1. What was the name of the union organizer who first called for a march on Washington?
2. President Kennedy tried to **squelch** the march. What does this mean?
3. Why do you think the organizers of the March on Washington wanted to include both blacks and whites?
4. Which person organized the event?
5. List three groups that participated in the March on Washington.
6. How many people attended the March?
7. Why is it symbolic that Martin Luther King delivered the “I Have A Dream” speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial?
8. How did President Kennedy change his view of the march, after it occurred?
9. What happened in Birmingham several weeks after the March on Washington?
10. Who was killed with the bombing in Birmingham?
11. Your book does not say who planted these bombs, who do you think was responsible?
12. What do you think Dr. King said should be done about this terrible event?

## The Dream For Your Generation

The contribution to civil rights is a challenge for each generation. Past generations have fought against slavery and for the rights of women and African Americans.

1. What do you think will be the most important fight for civil rights in your generation? List one group of Americans you still feel faces discrimination.
2. Give examples of the type of discrimination faced by this group?
3. What rights would you like this group to enjoy?
4. What methods do you feel will be most important in achieving these rights?

In the area below write your own lines for a dream speech to help the group you identified above. This will be the dream for your generation, and perhaps it will guide your action in the future.

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