



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. deserves a memorial in honor of him for what he has done for this world. He proved to everyone that it doesn't matter what race (color) or religion people are, just that everyone should be treated equally. Dr. King as changed this world dramatically. Now today blacks and whites (any color) join together in closer friendships and peace. In the world there are jobs that a few years ago blacks couldn't have.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a minister of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. He gave the "I Have a Dream" speech, which explained how he felt about racism and what Dr. King thought (wanted) the future would be for racism. Dr. King led the civil right movements, which was a movement with people (usually Blacks) who would march and speak against racism and for Black's rights. Dr. King also led the famous bus boycott. The bus boycott was an act of the Black communities of Alabama (mostly Montgomery) who refused to ride the public and city buses as a result of Rosa Parks's arrest. Although, Dr. King was threatened many times, he still kept on encouraging his Black friends and followers.



Martin Luther King Jr. has the right to have this memorial in his honor. He has really changed this world. For his honor I decided to make a memorial for him. This memorial will be made completely out of marble. There will be a base that will be 10ft long, 4ft tall and 4ft wide. The base would be made of Mertay Brown Marble and cost \$2.76 per each square feet. For the total of the base would be around \$11,040.00. On the base will be a plaque made out of Laser engraved Acrylic and would explain the memorial and whom it's dedicated to. The plaque will be \$44.95 for one but there is



going to be two one on both sides so that will equal \$89.90 for both plaques. Each plaque is 9x11. Both plaques say, " This memorial is dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The two hands joining together represent the brotherhood of Blacks and Whites. It shows the friendship and equality of Blacks and Whites thanks to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Over the years Blacks and Whites have struggled over segregation and Dr. King has brought Blacks and Whites closer. This memorial shows and explains peace and brotherhood between Blacks and Whites." Now on top of the base will be two hands together, like a handshake and one will be black and the other white. Each hand would be 11ft long and 4ft wide and also be made of marble. The white hand would be made of Dolomite Marble and the black hand would be made of Black Marble. For one of the  hands it would cost \$14,388.00 and for both would cost \$28,776.00. There will be three people working on this memorial and sculptors will do the labor. The sculptors will be paid \$24 an hour and work eight hours a day for fifty days. Each sculptor will be paid about \$9,600 for building this memorial. For labor the cost would total \$28,800. The memorial will take about fifty days to complete. Transportation would cost around \$2500. An airplane from Italy to Montgomery, Alabama would transport the marble. For the total of this memorial it will be \$71,205. This must seem as a lot of money for one memorial, but it's worth it! Martin Luther King Jr. is worthy of this memorial, because without him people today would still be fighting of segregation laws a whole lot more.

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***Meets the standard, but the subject of the task is outside of the scope and sequence for 6th grade.**

SS2a – Identify the cultural contributions of individuals, groups and societies.

The Task:

You are the curator of a museum and have been asked to design a three-dimensional memorial for a historical event or a person which/who has had an impact on the world. To obtain funding for your proposal, you must prepare a presentation for the museum board (your class) discussing your selection and describing your memorial to the board. You must include facts about the geographical and historical importance of the event or person and show the board a drawing or model of the memorial, which includes a cost estimate. Your presentation to the board must include:

- Written proposal
- Multimedia presentation

Circumstances of Performance:

The student work is produced under the following conditions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> timed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> extended project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no opportunity for revision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> opportunity for revision |

What the work shows:

SS2a – Culture: *Identify the cultural contributions of individuals, groups and societies.*

The student produced a written proposal that:

- Uses and evaluates primary sources.
- Presents concrete examples and details containing background information about the impact of the selected individual on the world.
- Uses standard written English.
- Demonstrates clarity of ideas in the written proposal and the three-dimensional model.
- Includes a cost estimate.

A. The student uses primary sources and includes a detailed bibliography written in correct APA format that identifies the cultural contributions of Martin Luther King.

- B. The student cites clear examples of cultural contributions of individuals (Dr. King) and groups (black communities of Alabama).
- C. The student uses standard written English in the proposal so that cultural contributions are easily identified.
- D. The narrative of the memorial is not only concise and specific, it also very accurately describes the model built by the student. The student includes details such as, "The base would be made of Mertay Brown Marble and cost \$2.76 per each square feet".
- E. While the accuracy of the cost estimate seems low, sources were cited and the description was thorough.