

1. In Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech "I have a dream", I think that he was talking mostly to the white people. I think that he was talking to white people, because he was saying that he had a dream that his four children would not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character. In Eric Thomas's speech I think that he was talking to students. The reason I think that is because he was in a classroom and there were people sitting on desks, and because of some of the things he was saying that sounded like he was talking to the students.

Example:

For example, Eric Thomas was saying that some of the students were just spoiled brats, because they were so used to their parents doing everything for them. When they had to do something for themselves they freaked out and just gave up if it was hard. I think that he was talking to young students, because I can relate to that. Sometimes I relied too much on my Dad to do stuff that I could do myself, and I began to expect that he would do something for me even if I could figure out how to do it myself. One particular thing that I tend to rely on my Dad to help with is fixing my "toys". Like when something is ruined in my snowmobile or four-wheeler motor or it needs something changed like a spark plug, and I could easily figure out how to fix it. I just tell my Dad about it, and he figures it out how to fix that certain problem.

2. The message in Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech is that he hoped that black people would someday have the same amount of rights as white people and would be treated the same. The message in Eric Thomas's speech is that if you want success you have to want it as much as you want to breathe, be willing to make big sacrifices for it, and work really hard for it. I believe that that was the message in Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, because he kept on saying that he had a dream that black people could unite with white people, that his four children would not be judged by their skin color, etc. I believe that that was the message in Eric Thomas's speech because he kept on saying, and giving examples, that you have to work hard, make sacrifices, and want success badly if you want success.

Example:

An example of me working really hard on something in order for it to be successful was on my own garden. I had a garden one summer and I planted seeds in the ground. After the plants grew there were weeds all around them, and I had to work hard for an hour or so, yanking the weeds out, in order for them to grow nicely.

3. Eric Thomas's speech connected with me more than Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech. I liked the tone and humor he used in his speech, which made me pay more attention to the speech. It also made me realize some things that I would have to do in order to be successful, which you will see in the next paragraph.

Firstly, Eric Thomas's speech made me realize that if I want success I have to work really hard for it. Secondly, it made me realize that if I want success I need to want it really, really bad. Thirdly, it made me realize that I might have to make bigger sacrifices than I ever imagined I'd have to make.

Example:

Eric Thomas was saying that you would have to sacrifice sleep in order to be successful, and you would have to sacrifice going to a party or some other event. An example of someone making these sacrifices in order to be successful is my adult friend Esli. When he was still in collage and trying to get his eight year doctor's degree, he used to sacrifice a lot of sleep and the non-attendance to public affairs for the purpose of studying. Usually, he wouldn't be able to make it to many meetings in order to study at the library. Even if he would make it to meetings he would have to go to the library afterwards and study long into the night with very little sleep. After he graduated though he became a very successful ER doctor with a really big house and a wonderful family.

4. Some of the challenges that the African Americans had to face in the 1960's was the non-granted voting rights and being denied the right to choose their own seats in a bus. In the Civil Rights Movement black and some white Americans fought against these subjects. The Civil Rights Movement ended up winning a lot of black Americans' rights, and thanks to that today black people have the right to vote and have the right to choose their own bus seat.

5. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech didn't have the quote if you get rid of your cell phones you'll be more successful, because he was talking about a totally different subject. I think what Eric Thomas meant that by giving up your cell phones you would be more successful is this. If you wouldn't have a phone you wouldn't waste as much time on it and be distracted by it all the time, and you could focus more on studying, working, and doing anything else to be successful.

6. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech impacted the way we deal with every person whether he is white or not. Also his speech gave people a dream for everyone to be equal and for everyone, whether they are white or black, to get along with each other. Eric Thomas's speech impacted the way we think and dream about success, because it made us realize that if want success, we have to work really hard for it.

Example:

Martin Luther King Jr. was saying that he had a dream that his children wouldn't be judged by the color of their skin but by their character. For example, when I visit my former church with Indian people in it I shouldn't treat them differently because they have different color skin. Rather I should treat them just like any other white friend that I have.

7. What did it cost you to get the rights that you wanted?

What did it cost you to be successful?

Example:

For example, in the Bible the disciples of Jesus had to give up everything in order to follow Him.

