

## **Prompt for K-Grade 2**

Clara Ester said that for everyone to be treated equal, “it has to be through love, building relationships with other people, and trying to make a difference.” Show/tell how you can help people be treated equally through “love, building relationships, and trying to make a difference”.

## **Essay Prompt for Grades 3-5**

Read the attached background and interview transcript from Clara Ester and then analyze the following quote from the interview. (Our hope is that teachers, parents, and other adults will read and discuss the attached background and interview transcript with the children of this age group and discuss the meaning of the quote with them).

“But amazingly, and we talk about that dream, his (Martin Luther King Jr.) dream is our dream.”

What was Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream and how is it still our dream today?

## **Essay Prompt for Grades 6-8**

Read the attached background and interview transcript from Clara Ester and then analyze the following quote from her.

“So, I ask myself often: Where do we go from here? It has to be through love, building relationships with other people, and trying to make a difference. And speaking out. We have to start speaking out.”

Clara Ester gives us four ways to help build equality—love, building relationships, trying to make a difference, and speaking out. Which of these do you believe has the greatest impact to build equality for human kind.

## **Essay Prompt for Grades 9-12**

Read the attached background and interview transcript from Clara Ester and then analyze the following quote from her.

In another interview, Clara Ester said that every April 4 since the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. has been difficult for her to bear, in part because pictures from the assassination scene are re-circulated in the news media. At times she believes it is even more difficult to deal with now,

“Primarily because we have circled back to where we may have been 50 years ago...”

Support or refute Clara Ester’s claim that “we have circled back to where we may have been 50 years ago...”. Have we circled back? If so, how? If not, what progress have we made?