

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Grades 3-12
Scoring Rubric

CATEGORY	20 points	15 points	10 points	5 points
Quality of Information	Information clearly relates to the given prompt. It includes several supporting details and/or examples.	Information relates somewhat to the given prompt. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/or examples.	Information may relate somewhat to the given prompt; however, no details and/or examples are given.	Information has little or nothing to do with the given prompt.
Organization	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs and sentences are varied.	Information is organized with paragraphs.	Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well-constructed.	Information appears to be disorganized.
Mechanics	There are no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	There are a few grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	There are several grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	There are significant grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.
Insight	Information included is analytical in nature and shows insight by the author.	Information included is somewhat analytical, however, is mostly a restatement of facts.	Information included includes only facts with no analysis.	Information included does not pertain to the topic.
Presentation	The entry is final draft quality: legible, neatly organized and presented. It represents quality work.	The entry may be considered a final draft but lacks one of the listed criteria: legible, neatly organized and presented.	The entry is rough draft quality and lacks two of the listed criteria: legible, neatly organized and presented.	The entry may not be legible and does not represent quality work.

Student Name:

Teacher Name:

School & Grade:

Total Score: