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Close Reading: "*I Have a Dream*" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Read Dr. King's speech. Find five words you don't know the meaning of and look them up in the dictionary. Write the definitions.

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In the guide to literary terms in the back of your textbook, find and write the definition of allusion.

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"Five score years ago," the opening phrase of King's speech, is an allusion to President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." How is this an appropriate and strong way for King to begin his speech? Answer in a complete sentence.

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In the guide to literary terms in the back of your textbook, find and write the definition of alliteration.

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Find an example of alliteration in King's speech and copy it (*check the first paragraph*).

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In the guide to literary terms in the back of your textbook, find and write the definition of metaphor.

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Find an example of a metaphor in King's speech and copy it (use quotation marks and ellipsis when needed).

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In the guide to literary terms in the back of your textbook, find and write the definition of simile.

12.

Find an example of a simile in King's speech and copy it (use quotation marks and ellipsis when needed).

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In the second paragraph, King says that "the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination." What type of figure of speech is this?

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These words bring up strong images of slavery. Why would this be an effective method of moving (emotionally) his audience?

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What implication was King making (what was he saying) about the progress of African Americans' ability to enter the mainstream of American life in the one hundred years which followed the end of slavery?

16.

Another figure of speech is called an anaphora, or the repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of a sentence, verse, or paragraph. Besides the famous "I have a dream" phrase, find two other examples of anaphora.

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Part Three: Critically Relating to the Dream

King was assassinated for his work in civil rights. A quotation from Genesis 37 in the Bible is on the memorial at his gravesite, and it reads, "**Behold the dreamer. Let us slay him, and we will see what will become of his dream.**" What do you think has become of King's dream? Write two paragraphs: one telling in what ways the dream has been fulfilled and one telling what yet remains to be accomplished. Use separate paper if you need.

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