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### MLK – Prompt

I think that Martin Luther King Jr was very courageous. In this prompt I will talk about how he was a hero and what it would have been like if he didn't stand up and my opinion about this subject. He was a hero because he stood up for racism. Maybe if he didn't stand up it would be different because you wouldn't be about to have the same friend because of color and race. I think he did the right thing, even when it got him arrested. As you read on you will see how Martin Luther King Jr was a true American Hero.

Martin Luther King Jr was a hero because he stood up for what is right. He got arrested a lot during this time, but never backed down on his beliefs of equality and that we should all do what is right. Martin Luther King Jr led marches and gave over 2500 speeches. I think he did the right thing but some people did not have the same feelings. There were many times that he was either stoned or stabbed. According to books I have read it states that Dr. King believed that "peaceful refusal to obey unjust laws was the best way to bring about social change." During one of Martin Luther King Jr's jail time he was released by John F. Kennedy. It has been stated that Martin Luther King Jr helped Kennedy gain the presidency and they were allies.

Furthermore, I believe that if he didn't stand up for his beliefs in equality our society would not have progressed. Things would still be unfair, unequal, and racism would still be strong. I have

many friends that I would not be allowed to have if Martin Luther King Jr had not been as brave as he was. There was segregation that caused blacks and whites to be separated. Each of the different races had their own entrances to buildings and even sometimes their own water fountains. This would cause tension and fighting among the races. It would be sad if this was something that was still going on in today's world.

Besides losing the ability to be friends with anyone you wanted there would be a lot of other things that would be affected by segregation. What do you think it would be like if you could not choose where you wanted to live? You might have to live in only a certain area. Think about playing sports, not being allowed to play on the teams that you wanted to. Rosa Parks, another person who stood up for equal rights, showed us that we can all ride on the same bus, choosing our own seats. One of the things that I love to do is go to the movies with my friends. I would hate to have to go to a different theater to see the same movie just because my friends skin was another color. This racism does not make sense to me.

In conclusion, these are the reasons why I think Martin Luther King Jr was a hero. He stood up for what he believed in to the point he was arrested. He gave me the opportunity to be friends with whoever I wanted. I have a lot of friends, of many races. I like that.