

**“I Have A Dream,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Outliers: The Story of Success,**  
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**Vocabulary**

1. **creed** - a set of beliefs held by a person or group.
2. **self-evident** - needing no explanation or proof; certain
3. **oasis** - an area in a desert where plants can grow. The plants are fed by water from a spring or well.
4. **interposition** - the act or state of putting (oneself) in a position between opposing parties, often as mediator.
5. **nullification** - the act or state of causing or declaring to have no legal force or effect;
6. **exalted** - honored or glorified
7. **hew** - to shape by cutting or hacking.
8. **despair** - the complete lack of hope.
9. **discord** - lack of agreement or harmony among people or things; conflict.
10. **prodigious** - inspiring wonder and admiration; marvelous.
11. **curvaceous** - having obvious curves
12. **hamlet** - a small village or settlement.
13. **outlier** - something that is situated from or classified differently from a main or related body; a statistical observation that is markedly different in value from the others of the sample
14. **compatriots** - a fellow citizen.
15. **ethos** – the source's credibility, the speaker's/author's authority
16. **pathos** – persuading by appealing to the reader's emotions.
17. **logos** - the logic used to support a claim (induction and deduction); can also be the facts and statistics used to help support the argument.
18. **egalitarian** - of, pertaining to, based on, or characterized by belief in the principle of equal rights for everyone.
19. **meritocracy** - a system in which people attain power, influence, and wealth because of their intellectual abilities rather than because of their class status or family lineage.
20. **Anaphora**-repetition of a phrase in the beginning of several sentences
21. **Allusion**-a reference to someone or something from literature, religion, history, or some other field or branch of culture
22. **Rhetoric**-the art of using language effectively