Martin Luther King Jr. Essay

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or MLK was a Civil Rights activist in the 1960s. He went to many protests and held more than one of his own. He was first inspired to start his career at fifteen in 1944 when working as a farm hand on tobacco farms in Simsbury, Connecticut. He saw how much more fairly African-American people were treated than in the segregated south where he was from.

In 1947 he came back to Simsbury where he worked in those same tobacco fields. He also experienced many unsegregated spaces like restaurants, and partook in activities he never thought he would be able to. These experiences influenced Dr. King's dream to desegregate the south in a similar way that he witnessed in Connecticut. In 1963 he made a speech titled "I Have a Dream", which talked about how hard life was for his people and created awareness to struggles that existed around him. By having the opportunity to see that things were different in Connecticut he could imagine that this could happen everywhere.

My aspirations are similar to Dr. King's because I want society to treat all people with kindness and respect. I try my hardest to live that way on a day to day basis so I can be an example of the change I wish to see around me.

Dr. King means that people have been fighting for equal rights for a long time and there has always been hope to change the world, no matter how long it takes. He also means that one's contributions to the world can impact everyone in a big way no matter how small they are.

The world around us is changing so much thanks to people like Dr. King. He did a great amount for the world and will continue to help educate children on issues through his impact on the world. He is thanked for all that he does on Monday, January 17, 2022, also known as Martin Luther King day.