

We are pleased to announce the results of the first
“I have a Dream” essay contest.

Congratulations to our winners!

Our highest award goes to **Timothy Cooper**.

The winners of the “I have a Dream” essay are **Nancy Cohen** and **Arezoo Moseni**.

We thank all the participants in the competition for sending in so many remarkable essays.

Read the Winning Essay!

Timothy Cooper

My dream for the world is simple, it's true.
I dream of freedom and peace for me and for you.

A pipe-dream? Perhaps-in this troubled age.
But even the smallest dreamer's still an actor on life's wonder-filled stage.

With a grateful heart I remember dreamers like Rosa Parks, Dr. King, and
The drag-queens at Stonewall shoes voices did ring out for freedom and
Whose lives stood for peace, a beautiful song that never should cease.

I dream that we realize Earth is part of Heaven and if we respect her
As such, or rewards-life, hope, love-will be much.

I dream that the world in on voice loud and strong sing-out, “We Shall
Study War No More!” Together in this, could we possibly be wrong?

I dream that our leaders who would insist on such wars take their visions of
Battle back out of the door and let peace reign on Earth forevermore.

Nancy Cohen

I believe we've been collectively asleep and that this is the moment where
through effort and faith, we can wake up to the real dream. In our sleep, we
have been convinced that we are separate from one another, through race,

gender, and religions ... where the idea of the *'thems and us'* s has insinuated itself deeply into our hardened hearts—but it has failed to turn our hearts to stone. Mr. King understood that a dualistic world was not real.... that we are all interconnected to each other and to nature in a powerful way and that it is a lie to act without this consideration. My dream is a community where this oneness is the key -- where we understand that we are here to work to make all of our lives more comfortable and together, to lay the seeds of peace for everyone on the planet.

Arezoo Moseni

My mother was born on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and I was born on Nelson Mandela's birthday, so on those days we light candles for them first before we light ours. What I always wish for is a peaceful world without borders or hungry people. A fully democratic world consumed by love, compassion and friendship where people of all colors and locals work together to build a better world. We are here to inspire each other and to manifest the magical glory of the human race and to cherish the resilient beauty of the earth, so I ask what better motivation than striving to help each other and to experience each person's unique individuality. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "we must be the change we wish to see in the world."