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Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”1 Corinthians 1:31

“381 Most Amazing”

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The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said: “It was one of the most amazing things I’ve ever seen.” The Montgomery Bus Boycott began on December 5, 1955, the Monday after Rosa Parks’ arrest, and ended on December 20, 1956, when the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Browder v. Gayle took effect, legally integrating Montgomery’s buses.

What made them, as the song goes, keep walking and talking despite segregation, mistreatment, police dogs, water hoses, and the ever present threat of death in humiliating and mocking forms?

Dr. King received 30 to 40 death threats every single day—threats not only against him but against his wife and children. Yet he continued. And after the movement began, even the children who wanted their cause to be heard stepped forward. In the inspiring The Children’s Crusade, young boys and girls faced dogs, fire hoses, jail, and death with a courage that shook the nation awake. People of **all** races and genders united for the same *cause*, as President Johnson said 8 days after” Bloody Sunday “And we shall overcome.” President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act-August 06, 1965

Through heartbreak, disappointment, and unimaginable suffering, they held fast to their faith in Almighty GOD. They trusted Him to comfort, strengthen, and deliver them from daily turmoil. They fought the good fight of faith, singing praises to GOD for HIS goodness even in the darkest hours.

We often talk about champions, but these—both the known and the unknown—are the true champions - *The Foot Soldiers* - They labored to cultivate a harvest of justice, dignity, and hope for generations they loved but never met. It is a harvest I desire to tend every day. Through GOD’S grace (TAOH) to keep our hand to the Plow, praising and honoring We may have left the fight, Heavenly Father, but Your Love for us cannot be separated from us. Please keep working in us both to will and do Your greater works and exploits so we don’t miss the moments and the increase you have for us to conquer with faith and Your Grace.

Our Treatise remains for Your Glory. I have seen Your faithful goodness with my own eyes; the works and exploits that were manifested and continue to be manifested on our behalf, but NOT I or Manners First, *but GOD*. The Power and the Increase are in the **BUT GOD**. Heavenly Father, the increase was done by and through Your Distinguished Love of us *TAOH* and for all those who labored and are laboring with us. Please continue to bless them and their families. For without You, Heavenly Father, we can do nothing.

With You and the More Than Worthy Blood of Our Savior Jesus Christ in The Wisdom, Strength and Power and Authority of The Holy Spirit, we can do ALL things. And through Your Grace, WE SHALL OVERCOME again and again and forevermore! TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY FOR ALL THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8. Our Guidance and Counselor!”

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Content Library

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- **Freedom Riders**
- **SNCC: The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee**

*Let’s still rise to this “most amazing” challenge together. Even when the work exhausts us, and we feel like fainting, let’s still pursue and keep pressing forward — not for recognition, but for progress, not for a few, but for ALL. With faith and works that come out of Godly wisdom, courage, conviction, and the Glory of GOD as our guide, we move the movement forward for the betterment of every person.

Is it still not a cause?

THE G.O.A.T. Debate

Paul Robeson’s journey began with his father, Reverend William Drew Robeson, a former slave who rose to become a pastor and leader of African American churches in New Jersey while raising five children. In his 1958 memoir *Here I Stand*, Paul wrote that his father taught him that success is not measured “in terms of money and personal advancement, but rather the goal must be the richest and highest development of one’s own potential.” *Reverend Robeson*

At Rutgers University, Robeson excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track, earning 15 varsity letters. He became the university’s first Black football player and was twice named a Consensus All American in 1917 and 1918—an extraordinary achievement for the era. He graduated valedictorian in 1919. Paul Robeson at Rutgers (click on the [links](#) below to learn more) Paul Robeson’s biography reveals a **single, unified life**—one in which **athletics, theater, scholarship, and civil rights activism** were not separate chapters but mutually reinforcing callings. Each part of his life strengthened the others, forming one of the most remarkable American stories of the 20th century.

No, really - THE TRUE CHAMPION IS HERE! Paul Robeson’s life, and yours, reflects the very promise Jesus declared in John 14:12: that through Him, we are created for greater works and greater exploits. Nothing done in Christ is insignificant. GOD never calls us to measure ourselves against others; instead, He invites us to become the fullest, truest expression of who He designed us to be. As *Reverend Robeson* affirmed, the goal is not “in terms of money and personal advancement, but rather the goal must be the richest and highest development of one’s own potential.” We worship a GOD who has never lost a battle. He leads with purpose. The gifts He places within us are **irrevocable (Romans 11:29)**, and His plans overflow with hope, direction, and divine intention (Jeremiah 29:11). Cont...

For almost 30 years, the message in this letter — “Your Life Has a Purpose” — has been shared with students, adults, and whosoever willing to receive it. Its meaning has never changed. No matter what situation you find yourself in, Your purpose remains. You are still God’s workmanship, created by GOD to do good works. Your circumstances do not diminish your value, your calling, or the intention with which GOD formed you. His purpose for your life — the hope of His calling — remains a firm foundation, an anchor of living hope on which we can all stand.

"Your Life has a Purpose. Your Life has a Meaningful Purpose. “That’s What I Told C.J...” I Am Telling You the Same Thing.

Dear Whosoever: You are created for GREATNESS and to do good works. **Your life has a purpose.** No matter what you face in life, you are destined for success. If you fail at one of your goals, revise your plan, and try another one. Believe in yourself and watch what happens. Remember the story of “*The Little Engine That Could*” (if not, read it today). Recall how “The Little Engine That Could” did not allow fear or what others thought about her abilities to stop her from trying. When the mountain of a challenge came, she did not think about her inabilities but her abilities to take on the task. In fact, she immediately, in her heart and mind, believed in herself. Yes, there will be individuals who will say, “You will never make it; you are not qualified; you are incapable of performing or completing this task.” The key to life is not to rehearse negative opinions in your mind to the point that you become afraid and give up. Believe in yourself. Remember, you are created for GREATNESS. The challenges you will face in your life are there to teach you patience and tolerance. Ultimately, these characteristics will give you more hope and confidence for the next bigger challenges you will face. Be like “The Little Engine That Could”; do not allow fears, doubts, obstacles, circumstances, and people to stop you from climbing and crossing over your mountain. Your goals and dreams are achievable. Start your engines and go for it. You can do it! Yes, you can. Yes, you can. Yes, you can. Yes, you can. Absolutely, you can. Yours always, *Manners First*

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going to be a butterfly” This quote by R. Buckminster Fuller has served as a motivational, *firm foundation* for teaching and learning for many individuals and continues to inspire others today.

You Think you know about STEM

Big shout-out to NASA (click here to see pictures) and the Artemis II Astronauts for their amazing accomplishment!

GOD is **THE SOURCE**, the Creator of STEM, the fountain of all knowledge, wisdom, and learning, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Who could be a Greater **TEACHER**. And so, when **Jesus** spoke with a wisdom untouched by human schooling or university learning, the leaders marveled and whispered among themselves, “How has this man become learned, not having been educated?” **John 7:15 NASB**

GOD gave these four young men the wisdom and ability to learn many different kinds of writing and science. Daniel could also understand all kinds of visions and dreams. **Dan. 1:71 ERV**

Let’s keep “Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith;” Heb. 12:2

Inside this Edition of THE BOAST

An apple for THE TEACHER

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from GOD and not from us.” 2 Corinth 4:7

Our flaws don’t diminish HIS Glory; they display it.

You may feel worn down, stretched thin, or painfully aware of your limits. But Scripture never treats weakness as something to hide-it treats it as a window. Your cracks don’t disqualify you. They reveal **THE LIGHT** within. As the Apostle Paul said, “*When I am weak, then I am strong.*” That is the moment when the **Power of Christ rests on us. 2 Corinth 12:10**

LORD, THANK YOU for placing Your Precious Treasure-our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ -within us/TAOH, a Present Help Always. Help me/TAOH not to despise our weaknesses but to see them as the very places where YOUR Power rests. We are grateful for Your all-Surpassing Power shining in us. Thank You for continuing to shine through every crack, every limitation, every fragile place. Let my life always point to YOU and not to myself. Our flaws do not expose our weaknesses; they reveal Your Beauty. In Jesus Love and Name, Amen

Like Elijah, you and I have “a Special Strength” from GOD to run ahead, rise above challenges, and outlast every opposition assigned to stop us. **1 Kings 18:46**

Trending Now On MILK’S Big Board

Congratulations to Josh, the Spelman College 7, and to every graduate, goal-achiever, milestone-setter, and purpose-pursuer! We celebrate your dedication, your resilience, and every bold step you have taken toward your betterment. **You are GOD’S Workmanship—uniquely created and divinely equipped to do good works. Eph. 2:10**

You Are Well Able!

The G.O.A.T. DEBATE Cont.

So we continue the journey— step by step, prayer by prayer— running the race and fighting the good fight of faith, trusting that eternal victory is already secured for us in Christ— **THE TRUE CHAMPION. Worthy is the Lamb** (Revelation 5:12), our Lord Jesus Christ, who strengthens us with grace for every need and work. Through every triumph and every trial, we rest in this unshakable Truth: **GOD’S Love never fails** (1 Corinthians 13:8). **WORTHY IS THE LAMB! Rev 5:12**

YOU ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP Eph. 2:10

The Rev. James Reeb and Oneness

“...all of GOD'S children — Black men and White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics.”
— *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I Have a Dream*

They answered the call to serve GOD'S cause as one. An example of GOD'S Oneness. John 17:21–23 — “That they may be one...”

The Rev. James Reeb was a Unitarian Universalist minister and Civil Rights activist whose life and death became defining moments in the moral landscape of the American Civil Rights Movement. Born on January 1, 1927, in Wichita, Kansas, Rev. Reeb served in the U.S. Army during World War II before pursuing higher education and entering the ministry. His religious calling was inseparable from his commitment to social justice, leading him to focus on racial equality, poverty, and community empowerment.

Poor People, Clergy, Foot Soldiers, TAOH, (Whosoever!)

Rev. Reeb’s legacy is forever tied to a pivotal moment in March 1965. On March 7 — “Bloody Sunday” — peaceful marchers in Selma were brutally attacked by state troopers. The following day, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. issued a national call urging clergy of all faiths to join him in Selma for a second attempt at the Selma-to-Montgomery march scheduled for March 9.

Rev. Reeb learned of King’s appeal through the regional office of the Unitarian Universalist Association on the morning of March 8. Without hesitation, he answered the call. By that evening, he was on a plane heading south. His decision to travel to Selma reflected a lifelong conviction that moral leadership requires direct action.

Shortly after his arrival, Rev. Reeb was attacked by white segregationists. He died two days later, on March 11, 1965. His death sparked national outrage, drew the attention of political leaders, and helped build momentum for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Is it still not a cause?

A Contest-Your Turn

Hundreds of students — from high school to graduate programs — and even professionals in the workplace have taken on this challenge. Now it’s your turn. Knowing the history and the violence that took place on “Bloody Sunday,”
Would you have chosen to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge a second time? Why or why not?

To help you reflect, here is a brief overview of what happened that day: On March 7, 1965, more than 600 peaceful civil rights demonstrators — people of **all races, genders, and backgrounds** — began a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, demanding voting rights for Black Americans who had been systematically denied the ability to register. Click the link for more information on "Bloody Sunday."

In Loving Memory and Honor of The Rev. Jesse Jackson

“When we fight, we win. We’ve never lost a battle we’ve fought. Never won a battle, unless we fought.”
The Rev. Jesse Jackson

Bill Radke (Dec. 2015) KUOW Public Radio

ARTWORKS

POETRY

ESSAYS

Education Initiatives Inspired by The Civil Rights Movement.

- **R.E.S.P.E.C.T.**
- **RESPECT THE DREAM & LEARN**
- **WILL WORK!**
- **The Education Solution Project**



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No use of the N-word
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Respect **E**very **S**tudent and **P**arent/guardian and **E**veryone in my **C**ommunity and/or **T**own

Respect Every Student at Penn and Every Colleague and Teacher

May 4, 2007



RESPECT BEGINS WITH YOU!
(Essay, Poetry, and Art Contest)

Contest Topic: "What is Your Definition of Respect?"

Choose 1 of the 3 options listed below for your submission (Only 1 submission allowed per student)

Options

1. **Essay** – Write an essay explaining your definition of respect.
2. **Poem** - Poetically describe your definition of respect
3. **Art** – Sketch or draw your definition of respect (Be creative!)

Contest rules

- Choose 1 of the 3 options listed above to present your definition of respect
- Essays should be one page long (handwritten or typed)
- Artwork must be on a Poster (standard size - 22x28)
- Your **first and last name** and your **grade** should be printed at the top of each page or on the front of the poster
- ALL Essays, Poems, and Artwork are due in your staff center or S2 staff center by **September 29th - Deadline date**
- All winners will be awarded prizes

For questions and concerns, please see Mr. Washington in the S2 staff center. This is a school-wide event, and all students are encouraged to participate.

Respect **E**very **S**tudent at **P**enn and **E**very **C**olleague and **T**eacher

Dear Clayton,

Congratulations, you have earned the RESPECT award for a second time. Your efforts to spread the theme of RESPECT have been well received and have had a tremendous impact on the climate at William Penn. Your commitment was never more evident then during the recent "Reaching Higher for Student Success" summit in Dover. Through your work with our panel of students the educational community at large became aware of the greatness of our school and students. You have truly impact learning and respect at William Penn.

Your commitment to success represents an intangible that sustains the "Epidemic". I will proudly display the "RESPECT" plaque this week in the main office. You are the twenty-sixth recipient of this honor, that I plan to award weekly to a staff member who contributed to the epidemic of learning and respect at William Penn High School. Congratulations!!!

FREEDOM WRITERS, POETS, and ARTISTS



R.E.S.P.E.C.T. THE DREAM CONTEST:

The Question: What do you think Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or a responsible adult you know (could be a family member) would say about the use of inappropriate language/profanity in schools and the negative effects it has on learning?

Directions

Choose only 1 of the 3 to submit.

1. **FREEDOM WRITERS** - Write an essay detailing the response of either MLK Jr. or your chosen responsible adult to the inappropriate language in schools.
2. **FREEDOM POETS** - In a poem, poetically write what MLK Jr. or your responsible adult would say about the inappropriate language in schools.
3. **FREEDOM ARTISTS** - Draw or sketch DREAM. It, or your responsible adult's response to inappropriate language in schools (Be creative)

Contest rules

- ENTRIES Must address the topic of INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
- Essays must be at least 1 page in length (printed or typed)
- Artwork should be on a poster (standard size - 22x28)
- PRINT your first and last name at the top of each page or on the front of the poster
- Entries must be dropped off at your staff center or the south staff center by **Monday, February 26th is Deadline date** (Winners will receive Mock Tokens and other incentives)
- For questions and concerns, see Mr. Washington in the South Staff Center
- This is a school-wide event and all students are encouraged to participate

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Menzer
Principal

FREEDOM WRITERS, POETS, and ARTISTS



R.E.S.P.E.C.T. THE DREAM CONTEST:

www.colonial.k12.de.us

Student Contest

On "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, the first march, some 600 civil rights marchers headed east out of Selma on U.S. Route 80. They got only as far as the Edmund Pettus Bridge six blocks away, where state and local lawmen attacked them with billy clubs and tear gas and drove them back into Selma. (NPS.gov)

Contest Directions-Choose only 1 of the following 3 options for your submission

1. **WRITERS** - Write an essay explaining if you would have participated with the marchers in The Selma-to-Montgomery historic 2nd march. Explain your decision to participate or not to participate.
2. **POETS** - In a poem, poetically describe: if you had participated with the marchers in The Selma-to-Montgomery historic 2nd march. Poetically describe your decision to participate or not to participate.
3. **ARTISTS** - Draw or sketch your answer: if you had participated with the marchers in the Selma-to-Montgomery 2nd march. Draw or stretch your decision to participate or not to participate.

Contest Rules

1. **ENTRIES** Must Address The Topic.
2. Essays must be at least 1 page in length. (printed or typed)
3. Artwork should be on a poster. (standard size - 22x28)
4. **PRINT** your first and last name, present grade, name of your school, and parent/guardian cell phone number or contact information on the front of your poster, poem, or artwork.

Prizes

WILL WORK!

Jobs
Internships
Career Employment

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"And We Shall Overcome"