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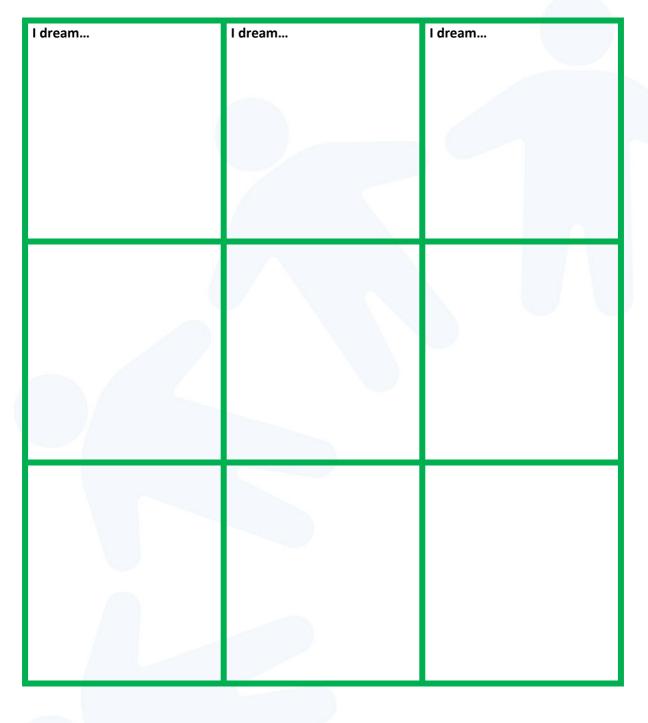


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Humans often have dreams of a better future, and these powerful visions and ideas – not sleeping dreams, but idealistic ones, can lead to transformations for the better in our communities or even in the world.

With a partner, discuss this idea, and fill in the 9 boxes with nine dreams that you can identify – maybe they are your own, or they may have been influenced by religion, spirituality, ethics, music, culture or your education.

Some dreams are for yourself – but others are bigger dreams, and apply to family, society – or even the whole human race or the world. In the grid, express your dreams in detail. Choose your words carefully.





Nine Dreams: Rev Dr Martin Luther King imagines a better future

Listen carefully to Martin Luther Kings' great speech of August 1963. He was 33 years old.	
Play the clip. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2th10qbzBU</u>	
Discuss what Dr King's dreams mean, and whether they are coming true, nearly 60 years later. Write	
your ideas in below.	
"I have a dream that one day this nation	
will rise up and live out the true meaning	
of its creed that all men are created	
equal."	
"That one day on the red hills of Georgia	
the sons of former slaves and the sons of	
former slave owners will be able to sit	
down together at the table of	
brotherhood."	
"That one day even the state of	
Mississippi sweltering with the heat of	
injustice will be transformed into an	
oasis of freedom and justice."	
"That my four little children will one day	
live in a nation where they will not be	
judged by the colour of their skin, but by	
the content of their character."	
"That one day down in Alabama, with its	
vicious racists little black boys and black	
girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and	
brothers."	
"That one day every valley will be exalted,	
and every hill and mountain made low	
and the glory of the Lord shall be	
revealed, and all flesh shall see it	
together."	
"We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope We	
will be able to transform the jangling	
discords of our nation into a beautiful	
symphony of brotherhood."	
"With this faith we will be able to work	
together, to pray together, to struggle	
together, to go to jail together, to stand	
up for freedom together, knowing that	
we will be free one day."	
"We may be able to speed up that day	
when all of God's children, black men and	
white men, Jews and gentiles will be able	
to join hands and sing 'free at last	
thank God Almighty we are free at last."	

Quotations used from public domain speeches of Dr Martin Luther King.