

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools**  
**2016-2017 MLK, Jr. Art & Writing Contest**  
**Writing Rubric**

**Theme: Unheard Voices**

**Contest Prompt:**

During an interview in 1966, Dr. King continued to stress the path of nonviolence. However, he also said, "...we've got to see that a riot is the language of the unheard. And, what is it that America has failed to hear?"

Make your answer heard through your art or writing.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	1	2	3	4	Points
<b>Demonstrate an understanding of Dr. MLK, Jr.'s dream for equality and its relevance in the 21st Century through the theme, "Unheard Voices"</b>	Work does not explain the theme; nor address the prompt. Ideas do not contain meaningful or varied supporting evidence. Work includes rote repetition of Dr. King's words providing a limited understanding of the unheard voices that Dr. King continues to advocate for through his words.	Work somewhat explains the theme and somewhat addresses the prompt. Few ideas contain meaningful or varied supporting evidence. Work includes some rote repetition of Dr. King's word demonstrating a basic understanding of the unheard voices that Dr. King continues to advocate for through his words.	Work generally explains the theme and generally addresses the prompt. Ideas generally contain meaningful and varied supporting evidence. Work includes general synthesizing of Dr. King's words with little rote repetition, demonstrating a general understanding of the unheard voices that Dr. King continues to advocate for through his words	Work clearly explains the theme and clearly addresses the prompt. All ideas contain meaningful and varied supporting evidence. Work specifically synthesizes Dr. King's words with little or no rote repetition, demonstrating a high degree of understanding of the unheard voices that Dr. King continues to advocate for through his words	_____
<b>Apply rules of writing structure and organization. Present ideas in a logical and focused manner.</b>	Work lacks a clearly identifiable and connected opening and/or closing. Ideas presented lack focus, appear randomly organized, and are very difficult to follow.	Work includes either an opening or closing but lacks clarity and connection to the main ideas presented. Attempts an organizational structure but generally lacks a singular focus and is somewhat difficult to follow.	Work generally includes an opening and closing which connect to the main ideas presented. Generally maintains an organizational structure throughout the piece with a logical progression. Work is focused and generally easy to follow.	Work definitely includes an opening and closing that are connected to the main ideas presented. Ideas are highly focused and progress in a logical manner. Work is focused and very easy to follow.	_____
<b>Apply rules of grammar and mechanics</b>	Work contains numerous errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that impede overall understanding.	Work contains many errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that begin to impede overall understanding.	Work contains few errors in applying the rules of grammar and mechanics that do not impede overall understanding.	Work contains no errors and exemplifies effective use of the rules of grammar and mechanics.	_____
				<b>Total----&gt;</b>	_____