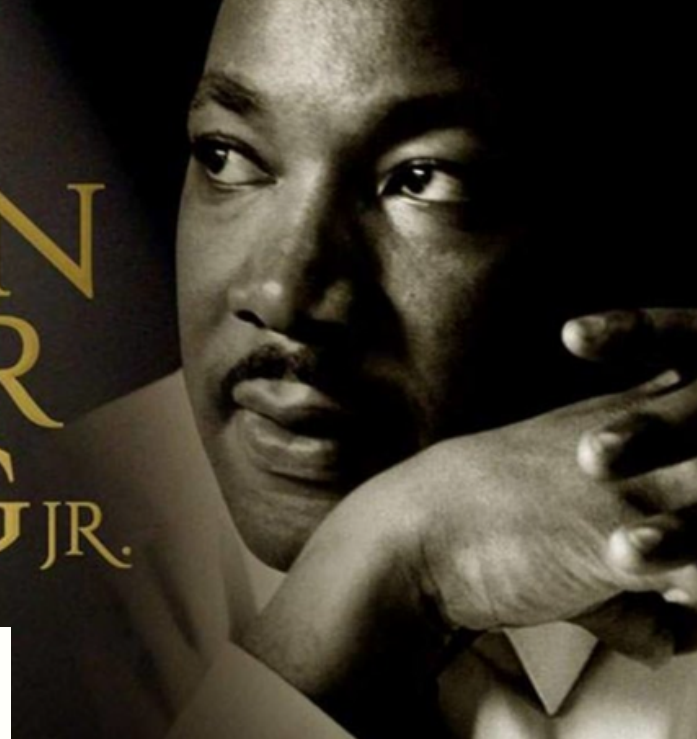


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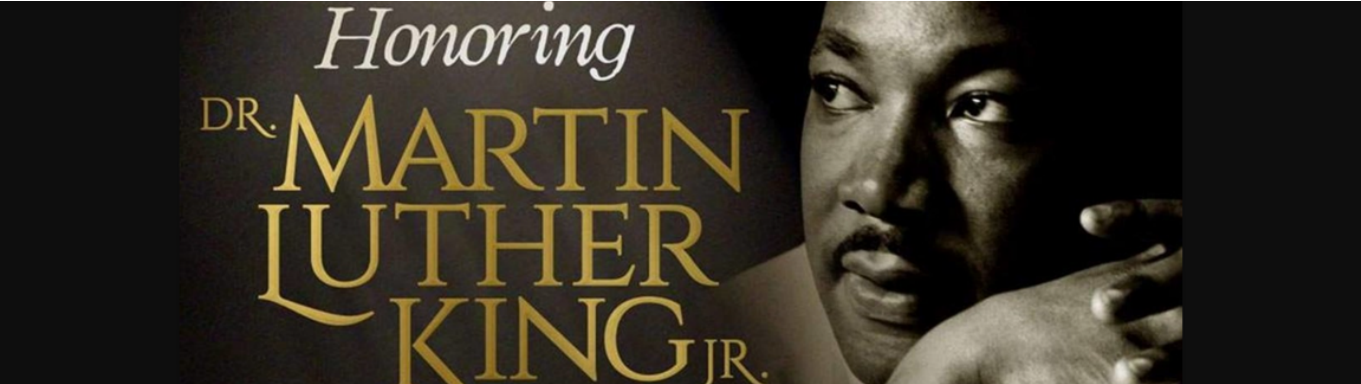
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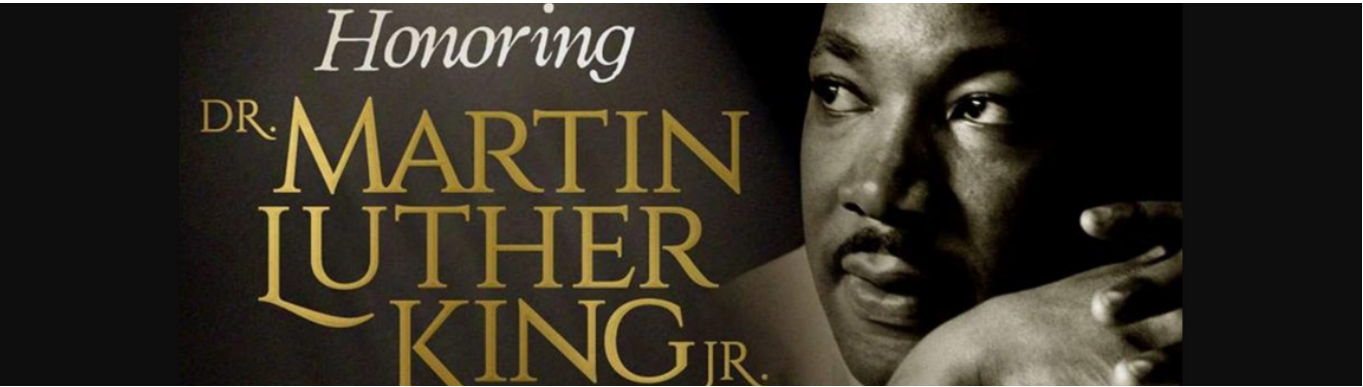
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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMPT

The COVID 19 Pandemic has opened the eyes of many people to the historic disparities in healthcare in the United States in communities of color. In 1966 the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."

Please reflect on Dr. King's words and share: What do you think Dr. King would say about the healthcare disparities that we have seen since March as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Source of quote: Luther King M., Jr Presentation at the Second National Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago, 25 March 1966



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After reading the two articles: "The Death of Emmett Till had Profound Affect on MLK and Civil Rights Movement" by Paula Wissel, Jan 18, 2016 and Stanford University's The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Educational Institute found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BUspeJWHb5GqDj_8jLXTVqogluLVAL8H-OpYBhGpfnc/edit?usp=sharing

1. Please reflect on the influence of Emmett Till's death on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. What do you think Dr. King's response would be to the current climate in America's race relations?
3. Building from the nation's context on your above response: What do you think Dr. King's response would be to the current climate in Rhode Island's race relations?