

Name **MODEL**

Text **MLK's Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech**



CLAIM:

King rejects the idea that humans are passive bystanders in a violent world.

Supporting Evidence

"I refuse to accept the idea that the "isness" of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal "oughtness" that forever confronts him"

(Reference: lines 37-38)

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"I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsom and jetsom in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him"

(Reference: lines 39-40)

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"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism"

(Reference: lines 40-41)

CLAIM:

King argues that humanity is not destined to be violent but can choose peace and brotherhood.

Supporting Evidence

"I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsom and jetsom in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him"

(Reference: lines 39-40)

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"I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction"

(Reference: lines 43-44)

Supporting Evidence

"justice... can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men"

(Reference: lines 48-49)

CLAIM:

King believes that a peaceful society will prevail over a violent one.

Supporting Evidence

"unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality"

(Reference: line 45)

Supporting Evidence

"what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up"

(Reference: line 52)

Supporting Evidence

"I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow"

(Reference: lines 46-47)

CLAIM:

King's speech moves from a dismal view of the present, to a concrete method, and finally to an audacious yet tangible vision of the future.

Supporting Evidence

"I am mindful that only yesterday in Philadelphia, Mississippi, young people seeking to secure the right to vote were brutalized and murdered."

(Reference: lines 9-10)

Supporting Evidence

"The foundation of such a method is love."

(Reference: lines 27-28)

Supporting Evidence

"Today I come to Oslo as a trustee, inspired and with renewed dedication to humanity."

(Reference: lines 63-64)