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# "My Brother Martin"

## Vocabulary

1. **segregation** keeping 2 groups of people apart

2. **encounters** experiences with something

3. <u>recall</u> remember something and tell about it

4. **preferred** like one thing more than another

5. <u>dream</u> a hope for the future

6. **injustice** unfairness

7. **captured** caught 8. **numerous** many

9. **nourishing** giving things needed for good health

10. **example** a model of something right

### Story Skill: Author's Purpose

What are the author's reasons for writing? Does she want to inform, entertain, or persuade readers? Which details support the author's purpose?

## Decoding Skill: Open & Closed Syllables

Find two vowels with a consonant stuck in the middle. Dividing the syllables <u>before</u> the consonant makes the first syllable go **long**. Dividing the syllables <u>after</u> the consonant makes the first syllable go **short**. Decide where to divide the syllables in order to make the word sound right! If the first syllable ends in a <u>vowel</u>, it is considered an **open syllable**. If the first syllable ends in a <u>consonant</u>, it is considered a **closed syllable**.

### Comprehension Questions

- 1. What is the main purpose of the story?
- 2. How does the reader learn the main purpose of the story?
- 3. Why does the author tell how the children used the fur piece?
- 4. How does the author feel about M.L.K.?
- 5. How does the author use the story to present her own biography?
- 6. The King children were shocked at being treated differently. Why?
- 7. What did the King children realize after losing their playmates?

## Spelling

west steep member gleam fresh freedom speed steam beast believe speck kept cheap pretend greed shelf least eager reason chief

## Challenge Words

echo menu creature reveal restaurant

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