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## Socratic Circle on "Black or White" by Michael Jackson

## "Black or White" - Michael Jackson - 1991

I took my baby
On a Saturday Bang
Boy, is that girl with you?
Yes we're one and the same

Now I believe in miracles
And a miracle
Has happened tonight

But, if
You're thinkin' about my baby
It don't matter if you're
Black or white

They print my message
In the 'Saturday Sun'
I had to tell them
I ain't second to none

And I told about equality
An' it's true
Either you're wrong
Or you're right

But, if
You're thinkin' about my baby
It don't matter if you're
Black or white

Don't depend

I am tired of this Devil
I am tired of this stuff
I am tired of this business
Goin' when they going to gets rough
I ain't scared of your brother
I ain't scared of no sheets
I ain't scare of nobody
Girl when the goin' gets mean

Protection
For gangs, clubs and nations

## "I Have a Dream" – Martin Luther King Jr – 1963



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."



Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

## Questions to Ponder - 2015

Analyzing:
How did Michael
Jackson and MLK Jr.
convey their feelings
about racism?

Reasoning: How is "Black or White" like "I Have a Dream"?

Causing grief in human relations
It's a turf war on a global scale
I'd rather hear both sides of the tale
See, it's not about races, just places,
faces

Where your blood comes from
Is where your space is
I've seen the light get duller
I'm not going to spend
My life being a color

Don't tell me you agree with me When I saw you Kicking dirt in my eye

But, if
You're thinkin' about my baby
It don't matter if you're
Black or white

I said if You're thinkin' of bein' my baby It don't matter if you're Black or white

I said if You're thinkin' of being my brother It don't matter if you're Black or white

No, no, alright
Alright
Yeah, yeah, yeah now
Alright, alright
Jump on, don't
Yeah, yeah, yeah now
Alright

It's black, it's white
It's tough for you to get by
It's black, it's white
It's black, it's white
It's tough for you to get by
It's black, it's white

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.



I have a dream 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.



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.

Creating:
Imagine if you were writing a song or speech regarding racism today. What would yours be like?

Metacognition: What is confusing to you about either of these texts?

Self Actualization:

Do you make the word
a better place? How?