

# Warm-Up: March on Washington

## March on Washington



To rally support for the Civil Rights Bill, Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference organized a massive march on Washington, D.C., on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1963. More than 200,000 people of all colors and from all over the country arrived to take part in the event. About 6,000 police officers stood by but they had nothing to do but direct traffic. There was no trouble. Proceeding peacefully through the streets, the marchers carried signs and sang songs. Late in the afternoon, Dr. King delivered the powerful speech he would become known for:

*“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.’”*

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1. Based on the photograph, what issues were the marchers protesting during the March on Washington?
  2. What was the purpose of “The March”?
  3. Why did the 6,000 police have “nothing to do but direct traffic”?
  4. What famous document did Dr. King borrow words from in giving his famous speech?