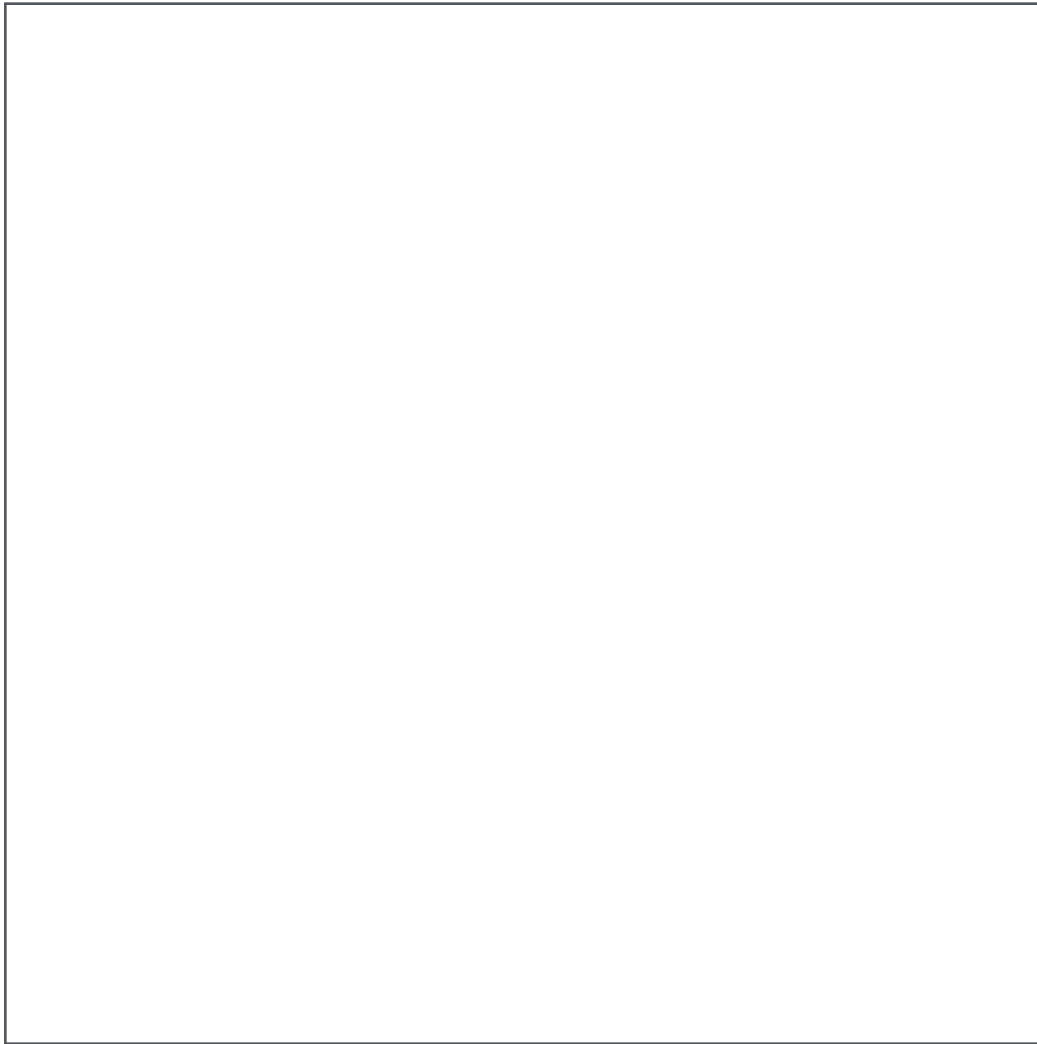


Martin Luther King  
Pinwheel Prompt "Craftivity"



- Print off this template.
- Lay on top of an old file folder and trim.
- Use the file folder to trace once and then cut 4-6 black construction paper squares out at the same time. Each student needs two.
- Use the square piece of white paper that you cut out while making your template.
- Fold it in 1/2 and then in 1/2 again, so that you have the exact size for the smaller squares.
- Each student needs 4 squares from 1 patterned sheet of scrap paper and 4 of another pattern.
- I chose black and white as symbolism for the discrimination that went on in the 60's, but you could give your kiddo's a variety of color choices.
- If you'd like your black edge to show a bit, trim the edges a tad, making sure that they stay square.
- Craft stores have a huge variety of small 3.875 x 3.875 packs of 75 patterned papers for only \$3.99. 120 page packs of 4.5 x 4.5 are also available for \$6.99-\$8.99 depending on the paper. Print a 40-50% off coupon, that most of them advertise weekly and you're all set.

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Pinwheel Pattern Square for an MLK "craftivity."



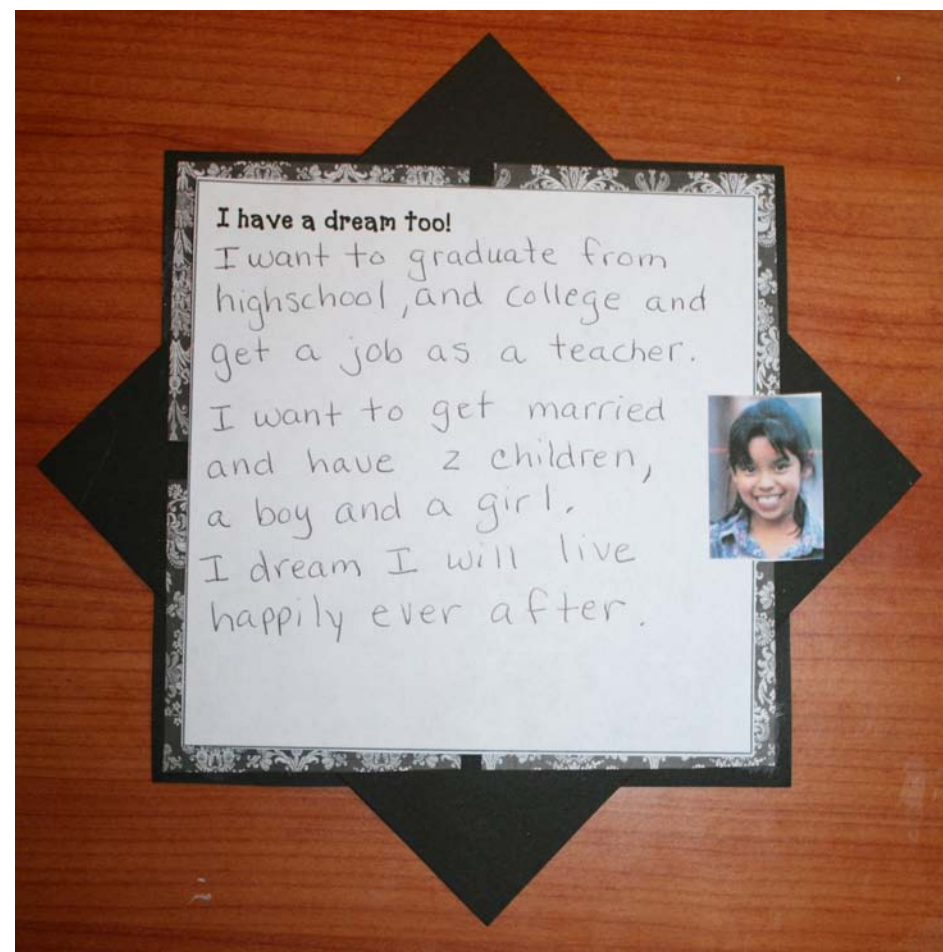


## Pictorial tutorial for the MLK Pinwheel Prompt

- Cut and glue the two large squares together so that the bottom square is rotated to look like a diamond shape.
- Pre cut a variety of light and dark contrasting scrapbook paper for your students to choose from.
- They need 4 light patterned pieces and 4 dark.
- Do NOT glue the FIRST smaller square completely down. Only glue the bottom right DIAGONAL down so that when the last paper patterned square (see last photo) is glued down, the top diagonal portion can be gently lifted up, so that the last patterned piece can be tucked underneath it.
- Students glue their light and dark pieces in an ABAB pattern using the photographs to show the location of the first 4 squares.
- These squares are completely glued down. The alternating pattern gives the effect of a pinwheel.
- Students glue a white square on the back of their pinwheel card so that they can complete a writing prompt.
- For more pizzazz, students can choose another set of 4 different patterned squares and glue them to the back, providing a border. A school photo adds the finishing touch.
- Punch a hole in the top point; make a yarn loop, and hang from the ceiling.

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Print and trim. Each student chooses one for the center of their pinwheel card. You could also give them a group of 4 to glue to the center.





Note the contrasting printed scrapbook paper.  
 I found that light + dark showed up the pinwheel pattern better.  
 I chose a black and white theme to symbolize racial conflict.

Here are 3 ideas for photo placement on the pinwheel.  
 Show this sample pic, or some of your own, to give your students ideas.

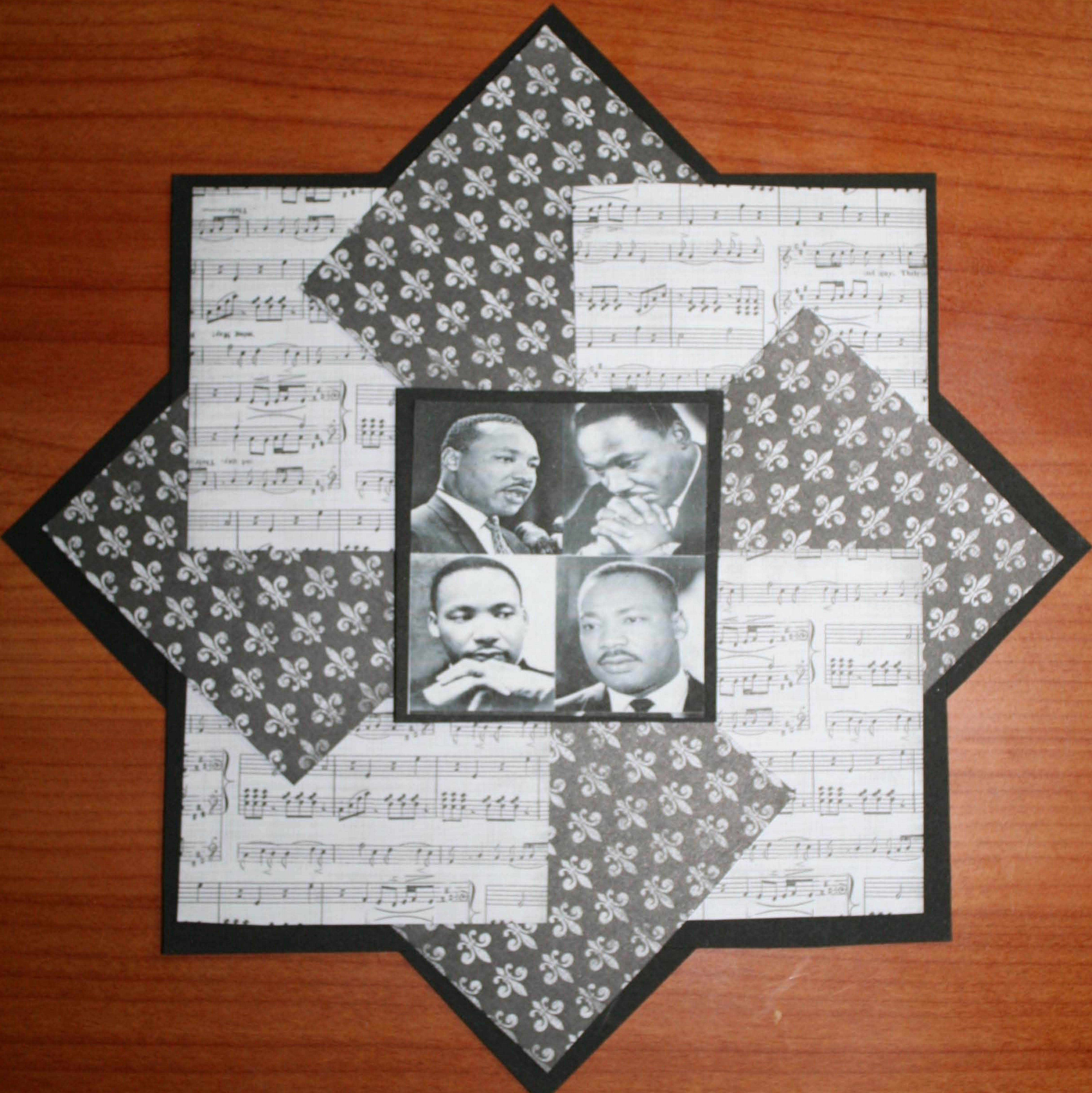
The back of the pinwheel provides a nice place for a short writing prompt.

You can use my "I have a dream too!" template or have students think of their own.

I also have a list of 60 MLK Day writing prompts, that they can also choose from.

Simply put TWM1887 in the search box to find it.







**I have a dream too!**

Think of your own writing prompt or have students use this one.

Print, trim and glue to the back of the pinwheel card.

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**I have a dream too!**



**I have a dream too!**

I want to graduate from  
highschool, and college and  
get a job as a teacher.

I want to get married  
and have 2 children,  
a boy and a girl.

I dream I will live  
happily ever after.





## MLK Pinwheel Prompt Craftivity Directions:

- Turn the 1st square so that it lies on the table in a diamond shape.
  - Glue the other black square on top of it so that this piece stays in the square shape.
  - Avoid putting glue on the corners; keep the glue in the middle so that it doesn't stick to the table.
  - Glue the 1st scrapbook paper square to the top right side of the large square.
  - Only put glue diagonally on the bottom right of the square, as the last square in the contrasting paper will need to be tucked under the top part of this square.
  - Continue glueing (see photo) 'til all of the square have been glued.
  - You should have a pinwheel.
  - Show my samples, or ones you have made, to give students an idea of what they want to do with the photographs of MLK.
- one in the middle  
-a group of 4 in the middle  
-4 separate pix in the various corners.
- Think up a writing prompt for your students or use the "I have a dream too..."
  - Run off on white paper.
  - Students trim and glue to the back of their pinwheel card.
  - Children complete the prompt.
  - Punch a hole in the top point.
  - Tie a yarn loop so you can suspend from the ceiling.