Making Inferences Planner Title: “I Have a Dream” Speech

Handout 4

CPQ: Which similes or metaphors, from King’s speech, convey the idea that African Americans were treated unfairly ?



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| Paragraph # | Statement |  | Text Clues | Background Knowledge |
| 2  I Do |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice.* |  |
| 2  I Do |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.* |  |
| We Do |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity.* |  |
| We Do |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."* |  |
| You Do  (TTT) |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.*  How does King’s description, in this line affect his message about working towards racial justice? |  |
| You Do  (TTT) |  | * In the text   (direct)   * In my head (inference) | *Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.*  What does King suggest when he says this line? |  |