

“I Have a Dream” Speech Fact Page

Read the following statements and decide whether they are true or false.

1. King was supposed to speak for four minutes, but he spoke for over 16. T F
2. This was the first time King had ever made an “I Have a Dream” speech. T F
3. King had not planned on giving the speech that day; it was impromptu. T F
4. King was honored at the march by letting him go last to give the keynote address to the marchers. T F
5. King’s speech was immediately recognized as a defining moment in civil right history. T F
6. The actual name of the March was “The March on Washington for Freedom.” T F
7. Two-thousand marshals were planted in the crowd by the U.S. government to keep the peace. T F

Source: “Two Score Years Ago: The Making of a Memorable Address” by Fern Shen, *Washington Post*.