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In Martin Luther King Junior's "I Have A Dream" speech he uses several different types of metaphors to make his speech more powerful to listeners. He often uses weather and location for metaphors throughout his speech. Throughout his speech Dr. King uses at least 20 different metaphors to speak about the degradation and the need for equality in America. In Dr. King's 20 different metaphors usually mention light, weather, or location. Out of the 20 different metaphors only one metaphor discussed something other than light, weather or location which I found interesting because it looked like Dr. King had a theme for a while but he ended up straying away from it. This outlying metaphor was about the banking system.

The metaphor that is the most memorable out of all of Dr. King's metaphors in his "I Have A Dream" speech was about checks. The metaphor states "We refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation." By saying this Dr. King is stating that people of color should not believe that inequality will never be over. He is also saying that America has been purposefully treating people of color with inequality and then denying it. That is what Dr. King says in his metaphor but the way he says it paints a picture for listeners. The listener can see the insufficient funds of justice and opportunity being handed out to people of color at the bank that is America which is a part of the power behind Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Another powerful metaphor is in paragraph 20 of Dr. King's speech. It states "I have a dream that one day, even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice." This statement makes a clear picture of Dr. King hopes to see in the future. He has told his audience how unjust Mississippi is and how big of a difference it would be if justice was shown in Mississippi because he compares the injustice to heat while he compares justice to an oasis. Dr. King took two different types of weather and used it to show the aggression that was happening in the south which was and still is important.

A metaphor I find very important is "Some of you came from areas where your request for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality." This quote is important because it is still extremely relevant to today. With the Black Lives Matter protests that went on and the topic of Black Lives Matter being important today this quote from Dr. King is as relevant today as it was in 1963 when Martin Luther King Junior made the speech. There is still police brutality going on and it is not a thing of the past. Today people still have to deal with the brutality that they had to deal with in the past just for the chance at fighting for equality. It says in the quote "requests for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution." When Dr. King I think he knew just how big of a storm it would be. Storms are nothing small and neither is the police brutality that has been going on. This metaphor reads to the audience in a foreshadowing manner.

Dr. King has used multiple examples of metaphors to introduce to his audience so that he could make his "I Have A Dream" speech as strong as possible; he used weather, light and even the outlying examples of a story metaphor such as a bank. These metaphors not only made his speech stronger but they also made his speech more memorable. The metaphors that Dr. King brought color and imagery into his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.