Liberty And Justice Speech

Good afternoon, My name is Nehemiah Talavai and I am an 8th grader at Wood Middle School.

For a long time people had hated each other. People think that hate is stopped by hate, but the only thing that can stop hate is love. That is why we should not waste our time hating each other. This speech inspired me because of the quote that Martin Luther King Jr. shared with the people around the world: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; Only love can do that.”

When I was younger I thought fighting was the only way to solve things. However, now that I’ve grown up, I have found that fighting is not the best solution. I figured out how to solve these problems by relating this to math. In math when there is a problem there is more than one solution. I thought that fighting was the only solution because when I was younger I would get bullied. I hated it so much but I stopped it by fighting. But it was bad for me because I kept on fighting and I figured out that I became the bully. I changed my ways as I had gotten older. I think if you are older you would get more mature and understand that there are different ways of solving problems.

I had watched a movie that was about the Columbine high school shooting. This was very sad and scary. The two boys who shot down the school were bullied. And they wanted to get there revenge by shooting down the school. Those two kids thought that the only way of solving their problems was through violence. If they would have told a teacher about them getting bullied, this would have never happened. A lot of people around the world think that the only
way of solving problems is with violence. If there were more speeches like this it would change a lot of lives. Once I heard we were going to do a speech about justice and liberty I knew this would be good for evidence. This was a very sad moment for the people that go to Columbine High School and for people in general.

On March 25, 1965, Martin Luther King, Jr., led thousands of people to the capital of Alabama which is Montgomery. They marched 54 miles over 5 days. They marched to symbolize peace and love. Martin Luther King was against hate and racism. He was on the side of love. So am I. Martin Luther King wanted everyone to be treated with love and never hate. So do I. Martin Luther King influenced me to never hate but love. He influenced other people enough to stop racism. This story of Martin Luther King will always be remembered and I am so thankful for what he has done for us.

Researching about this topic has been fun. I am glad to have had the chance to share my opinion on why we should love one another and not hate. I want to be like Martin Luther King and influence people around the world in a good way. I want to show people that violence is not the only answer and that we should respect one another.