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Art Reflection – This reflection is associated with the black poster collage.

My piece of art depicts Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. empowering the people of the United States to stand up for racial equality. I used a black background to show how bleak and dark the reality of racial inequality was at the time of Dr. King's life. The contrast of the white paper represents Dr. King's ideas and goals, and how they were contrast and a force against the discrimination. The shape of the text represents how Dr. King's ideas can grow, but when supporters start to question where his vision is going, and with people telling them to stop and "be quiet", it dies. This is exactly what Dr. King meant when he said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." That is why I made the white paper start to curve inwards with words and phrases like "division," "Can America catch up" and "no easy task" toward the picture of his mugshot. It shows that when you don't stand up for things that matter and ask yourself "can we get there" the vision begins to die. After the "moment of reckoning", where those questioning their beliefs stand up for what is right, I showed Dr. King fighting stronger than before, using some of his most empowering quotes, and phrases that mirror his passion. The final component to this poster is the "Free at last" piece which is meant to show that his ideas helped form the reality of today which is that all men are created equal.