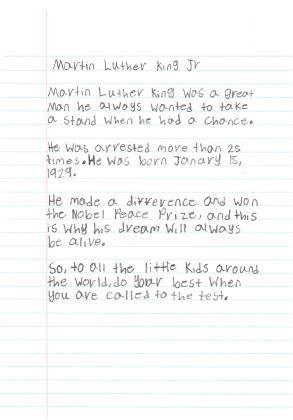
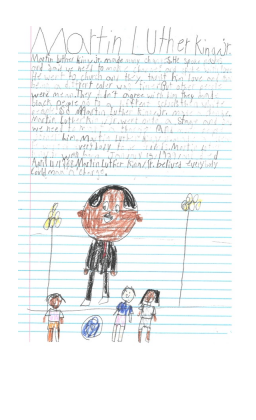
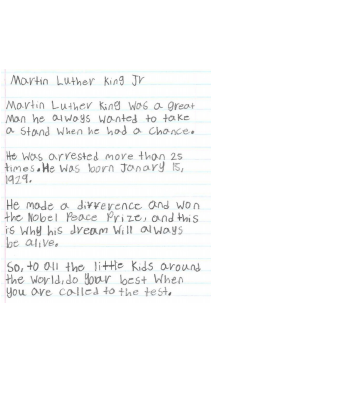
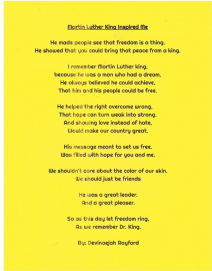


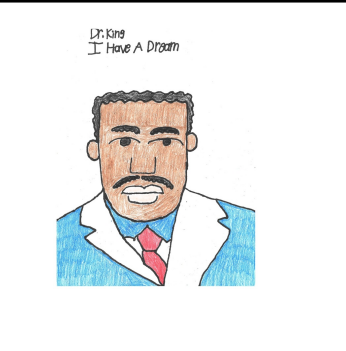
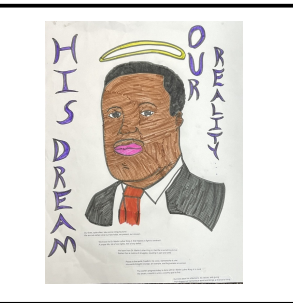
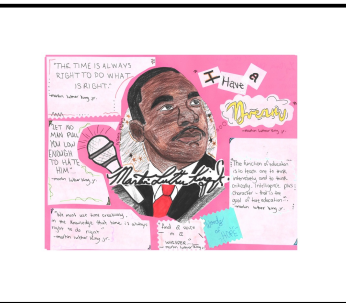


Poetry: Grades K-5		
1st Place - Ansley Thomas J.L. Lomax Elementary	2nd Place - Lilan Whittaker S.L. Mason Elementary	3rd Place - Ava Motes J.L. Lomax Elementary
		
Poetry: Grades 6-8		
	1st Place - Devinajah Rayford Valdosta Middle School	
		
Poetry: Grades 9-12		
1st Place - Hannah Childress Valdosta High School	2nd Place - Madelyn James Valdosta High School	3rd Place - Jasmine Davis Valdosta Early College Academy
<p><i>Sing Freedom</i></p> <p>From Birmingham Jail, his words did resound, King penned truth in that cell's confine, Meeting injustice with courage profound, His letter preached of freedoms divine.</p> <p>Marching on Pettus Bridge, he stood tall, A beacon for justice, unwavering light, Fighting oppression's hate-filled calls He led the fight for what was right.</p> <p>With nonviolence as his constant creed, He championed equality's plea, In this struggle, he sowed the seeds, Of a dream that all could be seen equally</p> <p>King's legacy, a lighthouse bright and wide, Shining hope and justice as our guide.</p>	<p><i>Auburn Avenue</i></p> <p>The middle of the north— After the new year, A mother birthed her first son, A future civil rights pioneer.</p> <p>His father was a minister, And his mother's father too, He learned how some were sinister Because they hated his dark hue.</p> <p>It was God who would inspire his work, And God who pushed him through, He worshipped at the Ebenezer Church, At 407 Auburn Avenue.</p> <p>Sweet Auburn: full of opportunity, In the wrinkles of Atlanta, It was called the richest black community, It was where the seeds could be planted.</p> <p>The seeds would grow in him Even more at Morehouse College, He wanted to make changes within others, Extend his knowledge.</p> <p>He let his beliefs ring so true— That he changed things forever, His home is a museum At 501 Auburn Avenue.</p>	<p><i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i></p> <p>A Baptist minister, A social rights activist, He was a savior, A real life protagonist. A real leader, no one was ever sweeter, Lead a Civil Rights Movement, He found himself. The Nobel Peace Prize, Made him try harder. As soon as he died, the rest had no "father." He strived for as long as he could. His assassination made the people do more than just good. "I'd like somebody to mention that Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his life serving others" Martin Luther King Jr. One like no other.</p>
Posters: Grades K - 5		
1st Place - Azaire Sutton S.L. Mason Elementary	2nd Place - Ashanti Hart S.L. Mason Elementary	3rd Place - Gregory Gardner J.L. Lomax Elementary
		
Posters: Grades 6-8		
1st Place - Kalan Hose Valdosta Early College Academy		2nd Place - Zy'Geria Phillips Valdosta Middle School
		
Poster: Grades 9-12		
2nd Place - Ariana Mitchell Valdosta Early College Academy		Honorable Mention - Yazmine Brown Valdosta High School
