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There are many instances of racism all throughout the world but racism has always and will always have its place in history as a period of time up to now that describes the inhuman treatment of other humans based off of their skin color, religion or anything they thought made them lesser than a human. And even after the law abolishing slavery racism was still really strong in the US and wouldn't really stop as all that was really happening was that slavery was growing pretty fast. Martin Luther King Jr. was an empowering man whose only goal was to let all the people in the world know that everyone is equal and acting in a violent manner towards the people who are innocent and just have a different skin color, religion, or ideals than you must stop. In his "I have a Dream" speech he said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." People of all colors were amazed by this speech, some even holding hands, and being united together as one. But even Martin Luther King wasn't enough to completely stop this world issue and up to this day we see people dying before our very eyes and it's very clear the main issue is racist views towards the people who "look like threats" and in reality they are just innocent people trying to live their lives without being given awful looks from time to time indicating what they look like. For example George Floyd's death was something that lit the fire inside not only black people and their community, but all colors because it was very clear that his rights as a human which he just asked for was a breath of air was taken from him leading to his death and on camera. In my opinion I'm sure many others could agree, this was a very CLEAR example of what racism is and what happened on that day. Killing a man

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who is doing no harm to you and is on the ground asking for air is a murder and racist idea because clearly the man on top with the knee on his neck knows what he's doing. All of this on camera, would then let me understand the riots and destroying of the cities. I'm not saying that all what the damage done to states was normal or something good but it was the venting of all the black communities who have been dealing with this issue of racism for such a long time and this damage isn't anything near what the pain they endured felt like throughout centuries. My view of racism is a very detailed portrayed view and it is something indescribable by words it's just a thought in my head waiting and being worked on to become a meaning because it's so powerful and actually has built parts of America's history leading to what we all have to deal with today. The way I see racism is like a pizza, and it has nothing to do with food trust me. The reason I think of racism like pizza is because racism the whole circle cut into different slices which are types of racist ideals and ways people can be racist. The one thing that made me really think of racism as a pizza is like the toppings. For me the toppings on it would include small MICROAGGRESSIONS, stereotyping, and things in that category that build up the definition of racism but there's so many problems we can't just define racism while getting every detail of it because there are so many causes and effects to it. That's why I believe our Ethnic Studies class is an amazing class full of understanding of the topic with racism and how it came to be and its effects on America as our country. Together we unite and together we can make change.

Thank you for listening to my speech