

“Say It Plain” Essay Question

25 points

Of the eleven African American leaders who spoke during the radio program, which one do you feel **could be the leader of our country?**
Which speaker would you choose to be **President of the United States?**
Why do you feel this way?

REQUIREMENTS:

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- Explain WHY you feel this person should be President

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

- Dick Gregory – used humor to demand equal rights
- Fannie Lou Hamer – beat in prison for trying to vote
- Booker T. Washington – self-improvement through skilled service and labor
- Marcus Garvey – wanted blacks to move back to Africa
- Mary McLeod Bethune – believed America had not yet achieved democracy for all
- Stokely Carmichael – gave up on integration
- Martin Luther King – used nonviolent protest to achieve equality
- Shirley Chisholm – fought for women’s rights
- Barbara Jordan – first black woman in the Texas Senate
- Jesse Jackson – fought for rights of ALL people
- Barack Obama – Illinois senator

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