



I AM A MAN

TEACHER FACT SHEET

INFORMATION COVERED IN VR

Scene 1

You are a black sanitation worker in Memphis, Tennessee. A garbage truck backs up towards you and you can empty the trash into the truck while jazz plays. Setting: Memphis Alleyway. The point of the scene is to establish the working conditions of sanitation workers.

Scene 2

You are at a kitchen table looking at newspaper clippings and propaganda about the sanitation strikes. A program in the back on the TV. A white woman talks about how the civil rights movement is interfering with her civil rights. Another man talks about how 'white and black people are different' and another talks about how since he was not raised with black people, he does not want to be around them.

Scene 3

You stand on the sidewalk and observe an 'I Am A Man' protest march down a city street. Military tanks ride down the street with the black men protesting. You can pick up a poster and join the rally.

Scene 4

Lorraine's Motel. You stand at the entrance of the motel and can see Martin Luther King Jr. on the balcony with others. A poster for the SCLC poor people's campaign can be seen. At the end of the scene, a gunshot rings out.

Scene 5

You stand on a street at night, observing a speech on TV about MLK's death, the glass of the building is broken, signs of a recent riot. Slowly, the men standing with you turn and walk away one by one. A police car pulls up with sirens on and demands that you put your hands up.

Scene 6

Inside MLK's room in the motel. A NYT article and MLK's book lay on the bed. The article talks about the march in Memphis while jazz music plays in the background. This scene is a memorial of MLK's life.

