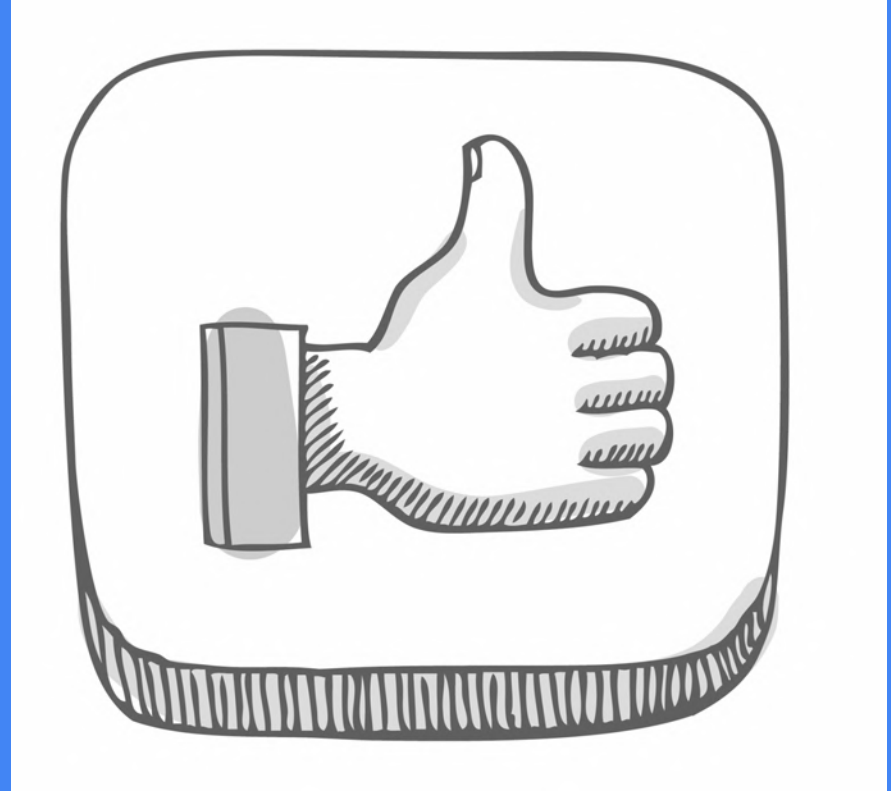


Social Studies Role Playing in Adult Education

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Benefits for ABE/ASE

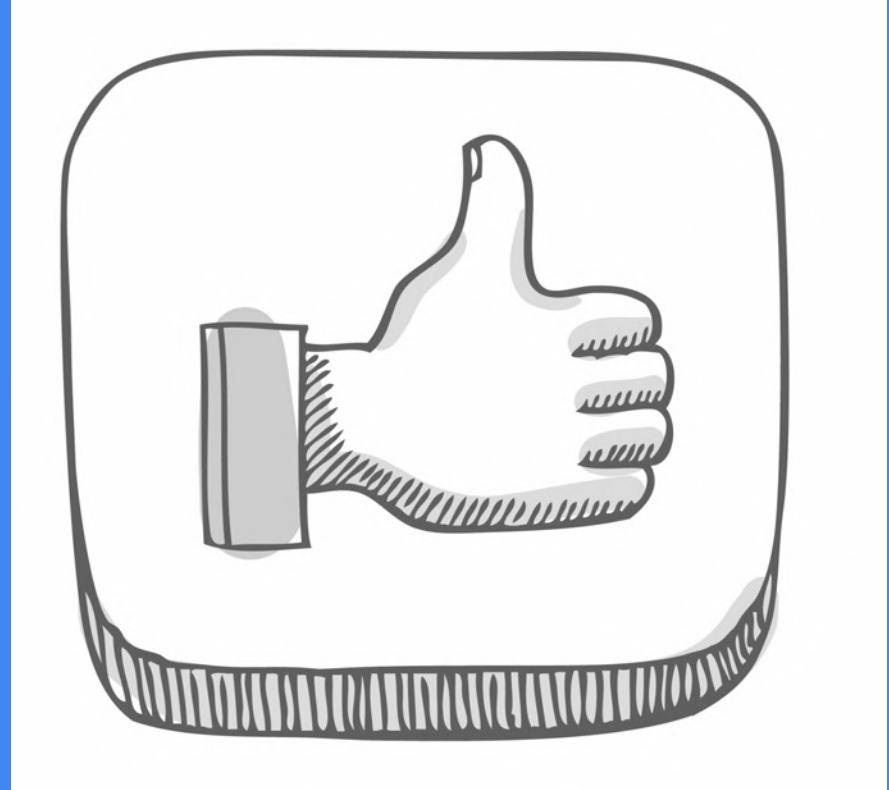
1. They reinforce all R/W/S/L skills
2. They increase communication skills
3. They bring ASE social studies material to life, and are therefore more interesting and stimulating
4. They can be motivating and inspiring
5. They are flexible and adaptable
6. They are active and student-centered



Benefits for ESL/ Citizenship

These activities are a great way to incorporate Content-Based Instruction (CBI) into the classroom.

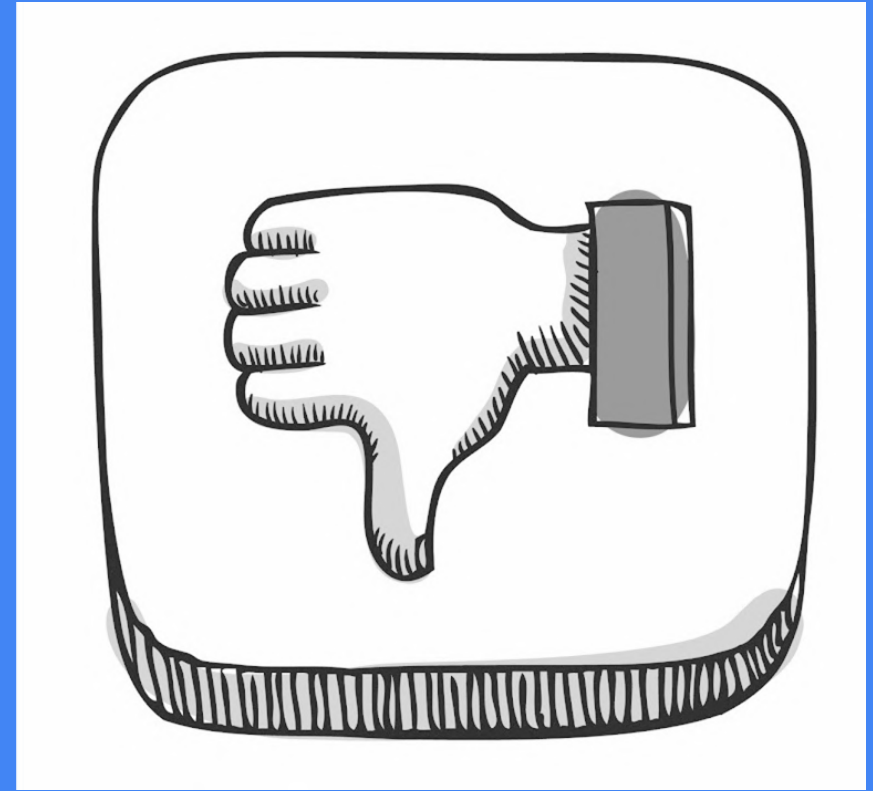
CBI is an approach in second language education which is designed to facilitate second-language acquisition through content areas, such as: mathematics, social studies, literature and science. Proponents of CBI suggest that a separation exists between the *acquisition* of a new language and *learning*. They argue that acquisition is a subconscious process, while learning is a conscious process. Through CBI, *learning* academic subjects can be the a vehicle to the *acquisition* of a new language. In this way, second language acquisition is achieved under similar learning conditions to the conditions of first language acquisition.



Risks

Always plan lessons like these through a **trauma informed lense.**

It is absolutely crucial to be sensitive to the cultural, economic, and religious backgrounds of your students when choosing materials for these types of interactive activities.



Various Formats

UNSCRIPTED

- Completely improvised

SCRIPTED

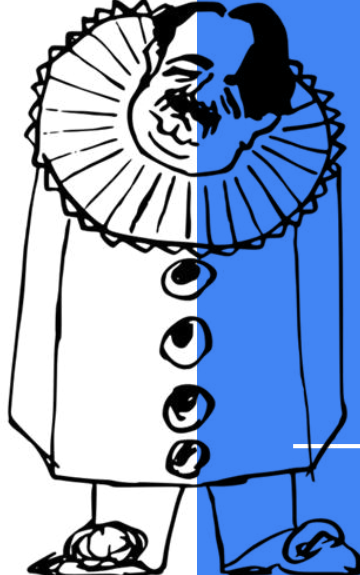
- Complete script provided
- Partial script provided, students write the remainder
- Entirely written by students

MEMORIZED



Various Actors

- Acted by students
- Student/ teacher(s) combination
- Acted by teachers/ volunteers

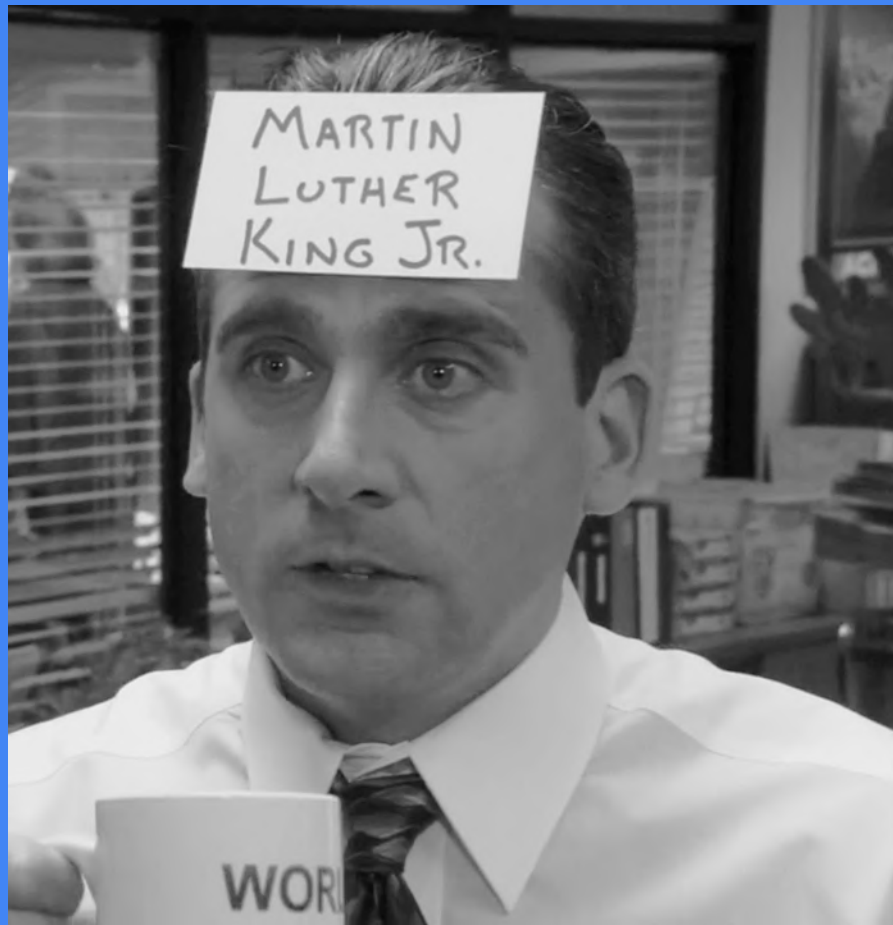


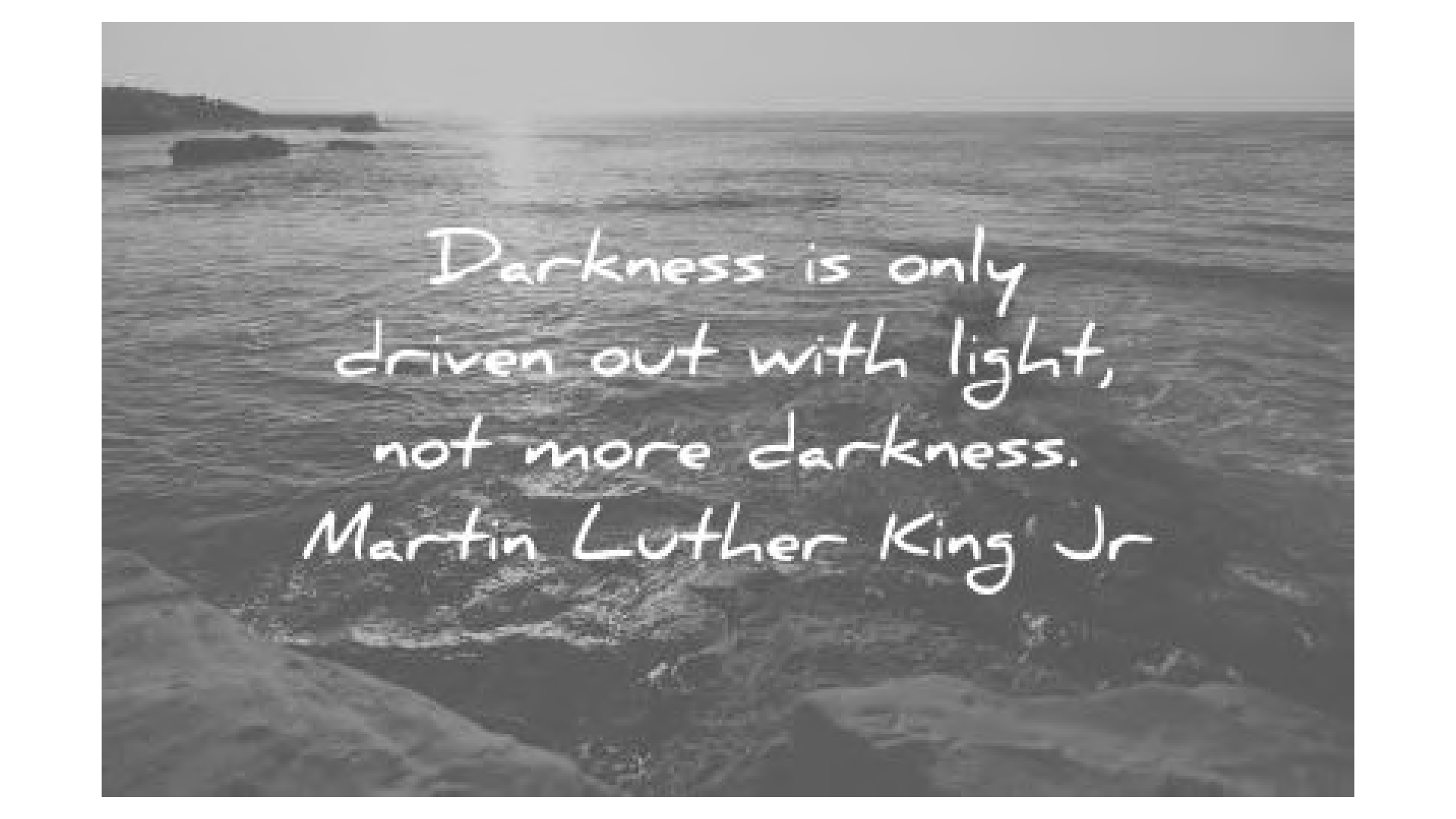
Examples

A black and white photograph of a child playing in a field. The child is in the center, with arms outstretched. In the background, there are silhouettes of other people on a grassy hill under a clear sky. The text is overlaid in a white, handwritten font.

Play
is the highest form
of research.
Albert Einstein

WHO AM I?





Darkness is only
driven out with light,
not more darkness.
Martin Luther King Jr

RECITING SPEECHES




A black and white photograph of a group of about ten people standing on a beach, silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The people are scattered across the middle ground, some standing and some sitting. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, handwritten-style font.

The next evolutionary
step for humankind
is to move from
man to kind.

PLAYING SCRIPTED ROLES



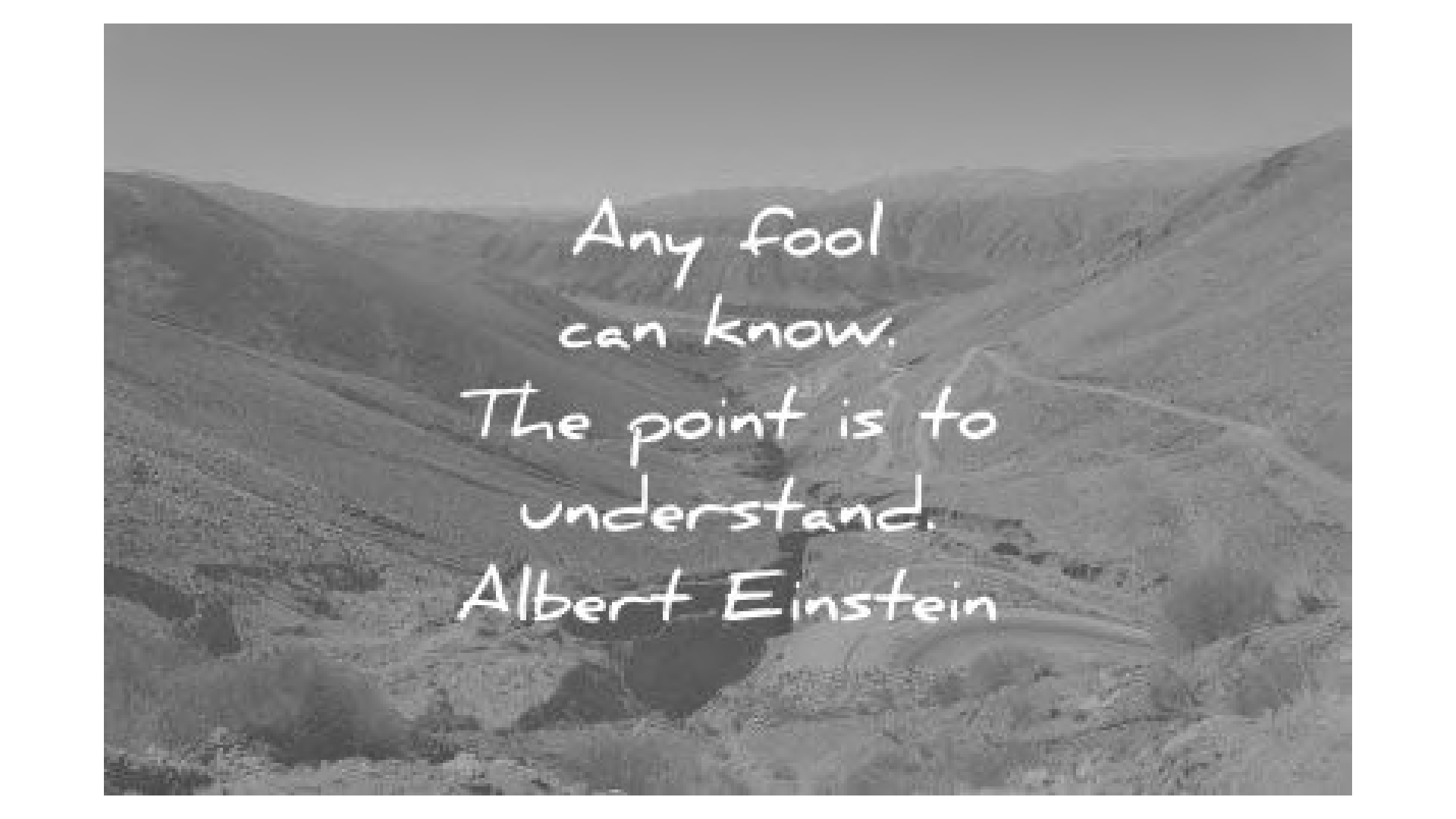
A black and white photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. and other men in suits, with a quote overlaid. The quote is written in a white, handwritten-style font. The background is a faded, grayscale image of several men in suits, with King Jr. on the right side, looking towards the left. The text is centered over the image.

Our lives
begin to end
the day
we become silent
about things
that matter.

Martin Luther King Jr

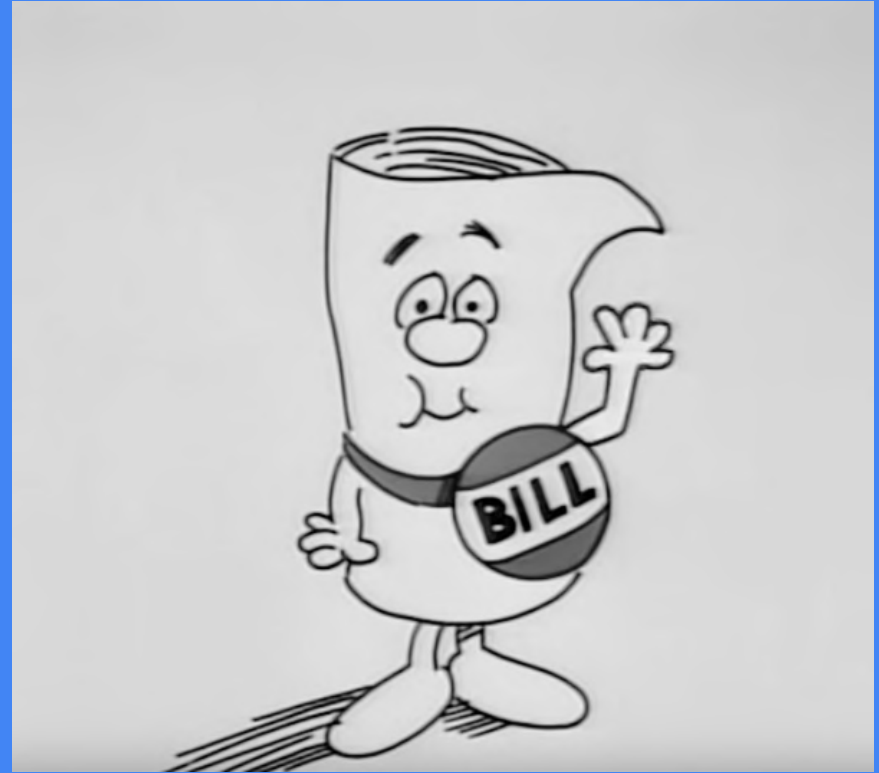
ELECT A CLASS
PRESIDENT
(Vice President,
Treasurer, etc.)

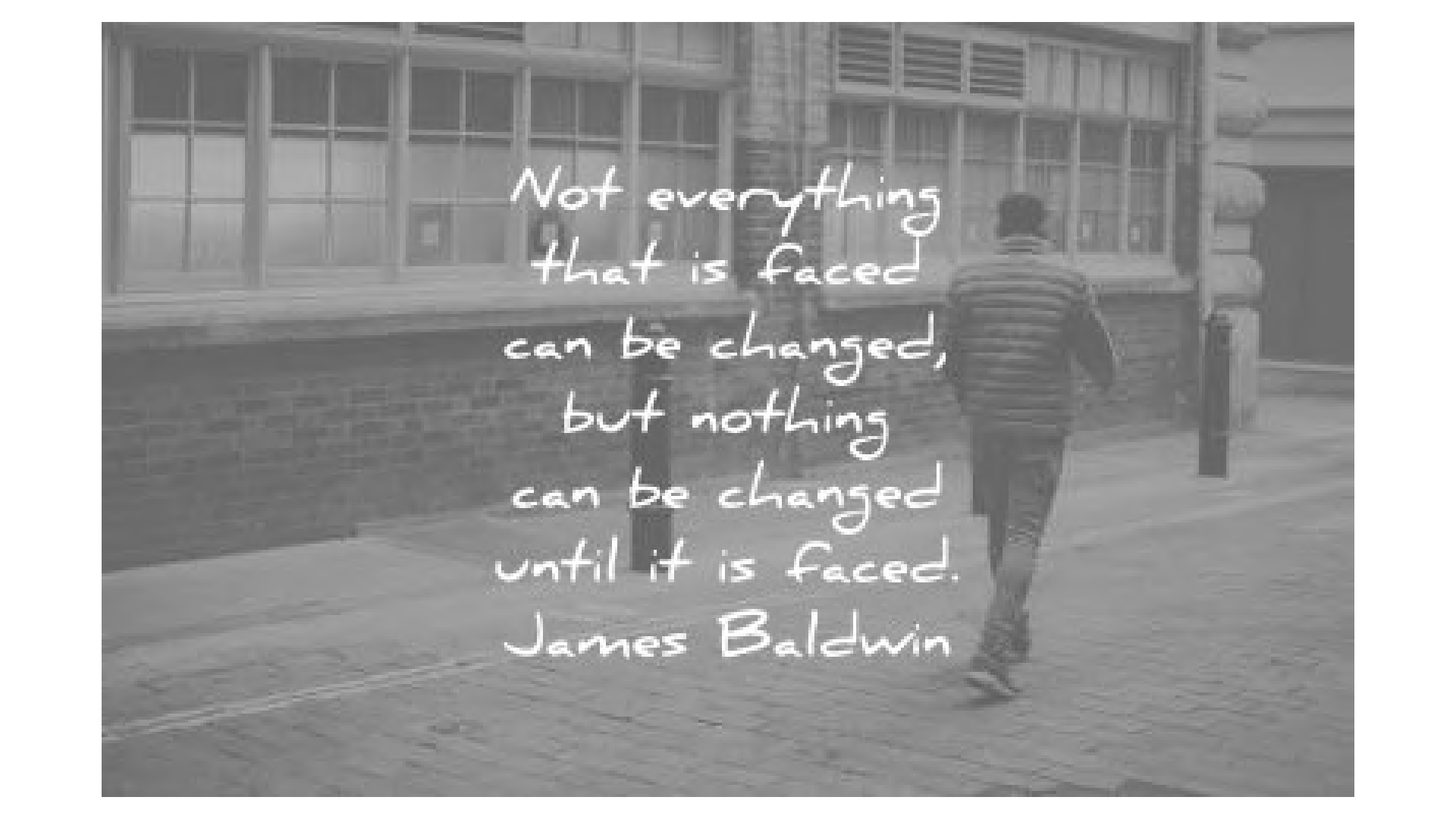




Any fool
can know.
The point is to
understand.
Albert Einstein

PASS "BILLS" TO CREATE CLASS RULES






Not everything
that is faced
can be changed,
but nothing
can be changed
until it is faced.
James Baldwin

MODEL
U.N.





We may encounter
many defeats
but we must not
be defeated.
Maya Angelou

DEBATE TEAMS

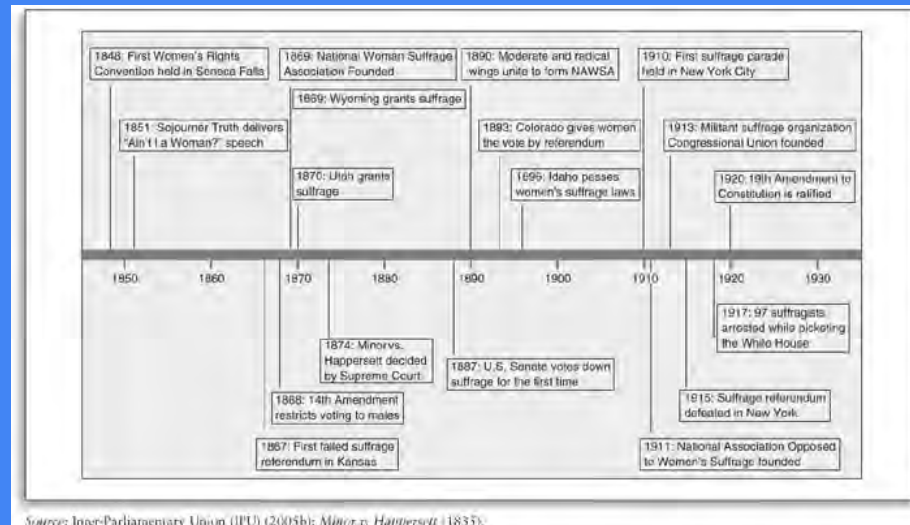


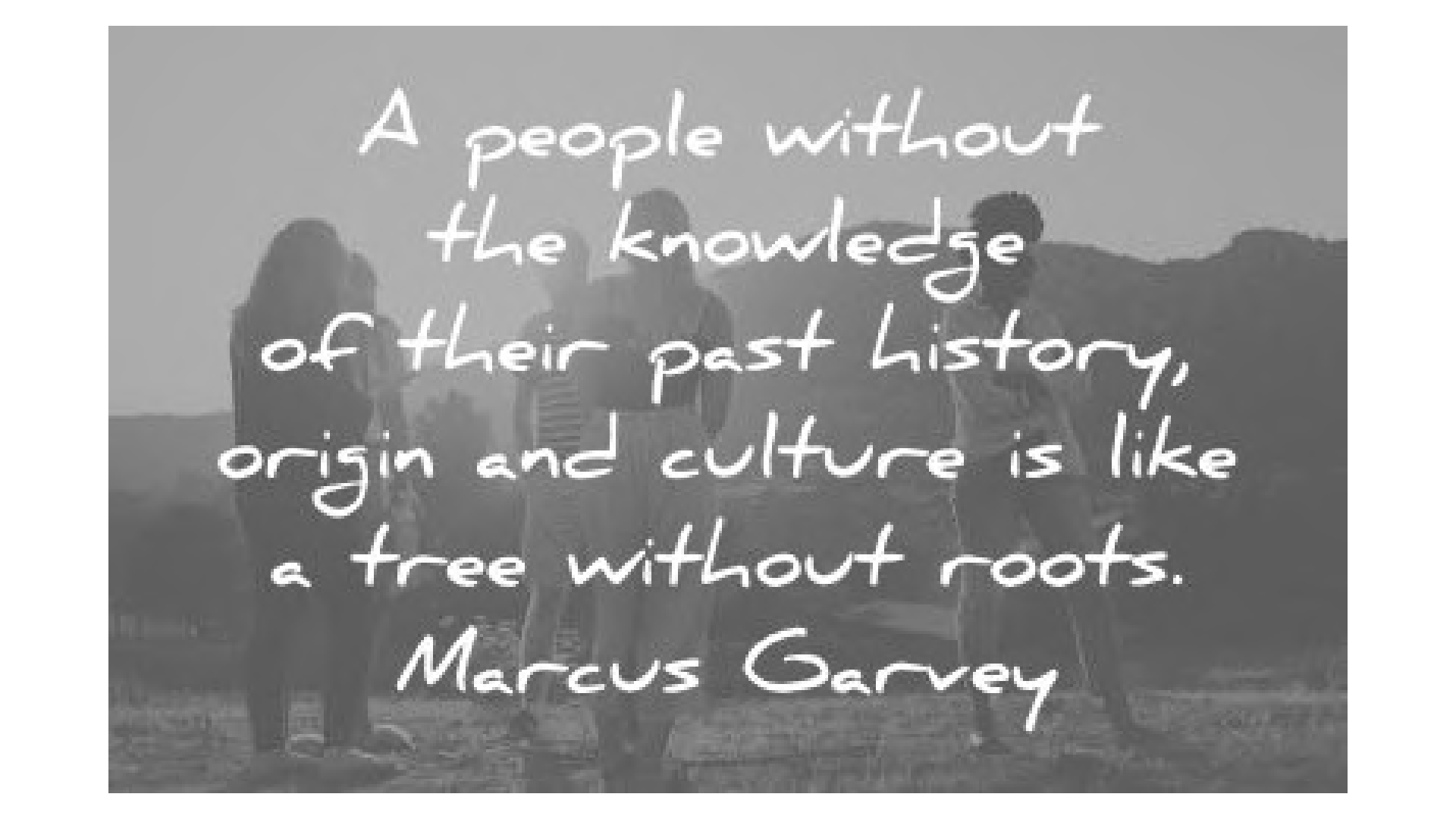
A black and white photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a river flows through a rocky bed. The middle ground shows a dense forest of evergreen trees. In the background, steep, rocky mountains rise under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is serene and natural.

We don't
share blood,
but we share
the air
that keeps
us alive.

C. JoyBell C.

CREATING A LIVING TIMELINE



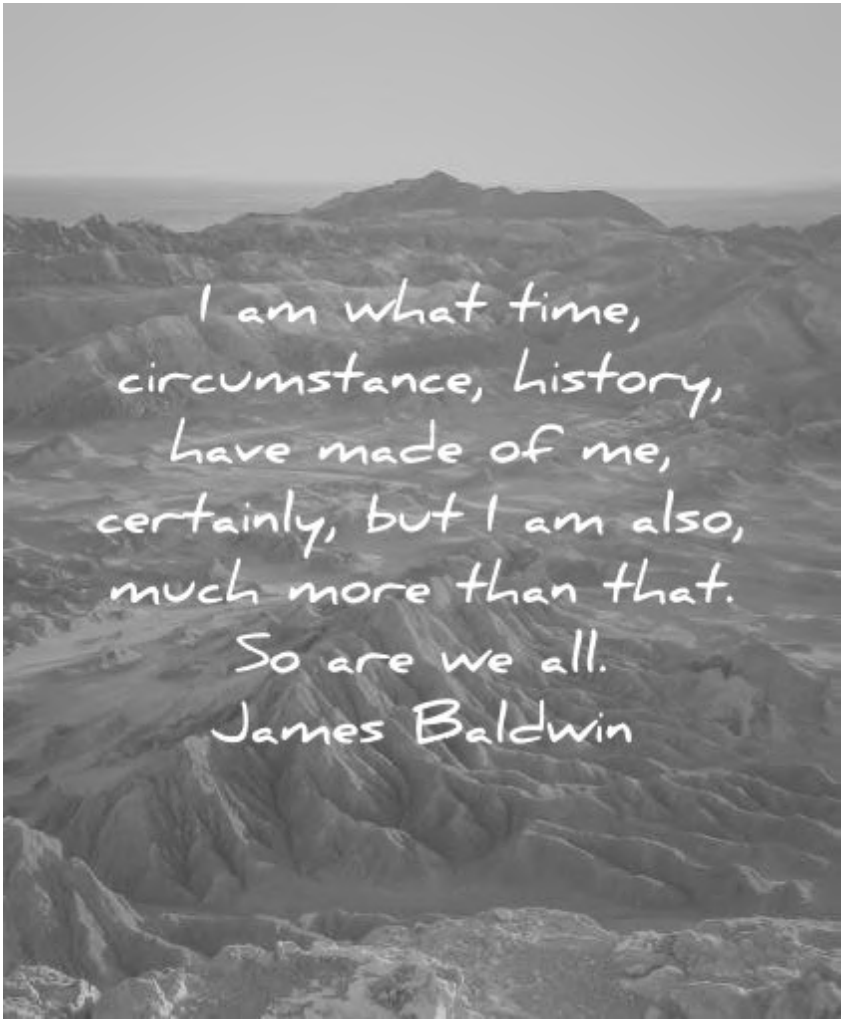
A grayscale photograph of a group of people standing in a field, looking towards a range of mountains in the distance. The image is used as a background for a quote.

A people without
the knowledge
of their past history,
origin and culture is like
a tree without roots.

Marcus Garvey

RECREATING POSITIVE MOMENTS IN HISTORY





I am what time,
circumstance, history,
have made of me,
certainly, but I am also,
much more than that.
So are we all.

James Baldwin

CREATING ALTERNATE HISTORIES

Louisiana Purchase



Questions?

What role playing
do you employ in
your classrooms?

Thank you!



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Resources

Quotes and Graphics: <http://wisdomquotes.com/>

Information about GED Social Studies: <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/ged-social-studies/>

Who Am I examples List: <https://www.biographyonline.net/people/famous-100.html>

12 Angry Pigs script: http://www.epc-library.com/freeview/F_2399.pdf

Class Election Tips: <https://www.wikihow.com/Win-a-Class-Election>

Model UN Rules & Procedure: <https://outreach.un.org/mun/content/rules-procedure>

Debate rules: <https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-a-debate-1857491> & <https://www.thoughtco.com/debate-topics-for-high-school-8252>

Treaty of Paris: <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-5-most-important-treaties-world-history-18380>

My favorite site for prepared Social Studies plans: <https://www.icivics.org/>