

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2216”

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Synopsis:

It's the year 2216 and a group of middle school students are visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture. As the Tour Guide shares information about key African Americans from the 21st century, she also shares information about the greatest African American from the **22nd** century, Charles Milton. Charles Milton is a fictitious future African American. The identity of Charles Milton is not revealed until the end when profile picture of your Pastor is shown on 1) a \$50 bill 2) head of the Lincoln Memorial, and 3) additional face on Mount Rushmore. If your Pastor has a great sense of humor, this is a hilarious comedy sketch.

Note: This sketch is only effective if your church has a projection screen to display pictures during the sketch.

Theme:

Black History Month

Lesson:

People reflect on the achievements of current and historical African Americans during Black History Month. Since the time period of this sketch is the future, 2216, I not only highlight achievements of African Americans we know today, but I also highlight the outrageous achievements of a fictitious future African American, Charles Milton, who lived from 2086 to 2166.

Genre:

Comedy

Cast:

Teacher - Young Adult female
Tour Guide - Adult female
Brenda - Adult female (mother of Student 1)
Student 1 - Age 8-10 (boy)
Student 2 - Age 8-10 (boy)
Student 3 - Age 8-10 (boy or girl)
(Feel free to include more students, however they will not have speaking parts)

Costume:

Normal everyday attire

PowerPoint Slides: *(included with purchase of script)*

- "The Year 2216"
- Pictures of Michael Jackson, Michael Jordan, and President Barack Obama.
- Template to insert your Pastor's face on 1) a \$50 dollar bill, 2) the Lincoln Memorial statue, and 3) Mount Rushmore
- Picture of an interior family room

Time: ~12-15 minutes

BLACK HISTORY 2216

INT. MUSEUM

TEACHER AND GROUP OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ENTERING THE MUSEUM (STAGE). TEACHER GATHERS STUDENTS AROUND HER.

DISPLAY SLIDE - "YEAR 2216"

TEACHER

Okay everyone, let's come together. I want you to be on your best behavior today, Okay?

STUDENTS SAY "OKAY"

TEACHER (CONT'D)

How many of you have visited a museum before?

A FEW STUDENTS RAISE THEIR HANDS, NOT ALL.

TEACHER (CONT'D)

Well, this is a special museum. This is the National Museum of African American History and Culture which first opened long ago in the year 2016. How many years ago was that?

SEVERAL STUDENTS RAISE THEIR HAND. TEACHER CHOOSES A STUDENT.

STUDENT 1

2016 was 200 years ago.

TEACHER

That's right. This is the 200th anniversary of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. (Notices Tour Guide). Oh, here comes our Tour Guide.

TOUR GUIDE GREETTS TEACHER

TOUR GUIDE

Hi are you Ms. Johnson?

TEACHER

(Shakes hand) Yes

TOUR GUIDE

Hi I'm Joanne Baker and I'll be your
tour guide today. (With enthusiasm)
Welcome everyone to the National Museum
of African American History and Culture.
Are you ready to learn about the great
accomplishments and achievements of
African Americans?

STUDENTS RESPOND WITH EXCITEMENT

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

Okay, first let's visit the
Entertainment Room.

WALK A FEW FEET ON STAGE. (NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO
DETERMINE YOUR BLOCKING BASED ON THE LAYOUT OF YOUR
STAGE/PULPIT/FLOOR. THERE ARE 4 ROOMS TO VISIT IN THIS
SKETCH)

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

One of the greatest African American
entertainers was Michael Jackson

DISPLAY PICTURE OF "MICHAEL JACKSON" ON SCREEN

*(Note: The Tour Guide can use index cards to read the key
achievements of each person if s/he prefers not to memorized the
information. However the achievement of Charles Milton should
not be read)*

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

(Reading) Michael Jackson lived from
1958 to 2009. He was a great singer,
songwriter, and dancer and was known
around the world as the King of Pop.
His 1982 release of the album Thriller
sold over 29 million copies.

STUDENT 2

29 million! Wow, he sold more records than everybody.

TOUR GUIDE

Well, not quite. Michael's accomplishments were nothing compared to Charles Milton. In 2107, 98 years after Michael died, Charles had 550 million sales of his hit song "Say Yeah".

TEACHER

(Astonished) 550 million. (To students) Isn't that amazing?

STUDENT REACT WITH EXCITED, WOW!

TOUR GUIDE

Now let's go over here to the Sports Room.

EVERYONE WALK A FEW MORE FEET ACROSS THE STAGE

DISPLAY PICTURE OF MICHAEL JORDAN ON SCREEN

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

(Reading) Michael Jordan was one of the greatest basketball players in American History from 1984 to 2003. He won six NBA championships and earned the NBA's Most Valuable Player Award five times!

STUDENT 1

Yeah, he could dunk the ball from the free throw line.

STUDENT 2

I want to be like Mike.

TOUR GUIDE

Michael was a great player, but not as great as Charles Milton.

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

In addition to being a world renowned recording artist, Charles was also a phenomenal basketball player. In 2115, Charles shocked the world when he dunked the ball from the opposite end of the court and scored 152 points in one game.

STUDENT 2

Forget Mike, I want to be like Charles!

ALL STUDENT AGREE, "ME TOO"

TOUR GUIDE

Now let's go over here to the Government and Social Justice Room.

EVERYONE WALK A FEW MORE FEET ACROSS THE STAGE.

DISPLAY PICTURE OF BARACK OBAMA ON SCREEN

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

(Reading) Barack Obama was the 44th president of the United States, and the first African American to serve in the office. First elected to the presidency in 2008, he won a second term in 2012.

STUDENT 3

I think President Obama was the greatest President of all.

TOUR GUIDE

President Obama was a great president, but he wasn't the greatest. In 2130 Charles Milton become the 62nd President of the United States. Charles accomplished more than any other President in history. He ended world hunger;

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

negotiated peace in the Middle East, and convinced the NRA to agree to gun control. In fact, the museum built a special room just to honor Charles Milton. Let's go see it.

STUDENT BECOME EXCITED - "YEAH" CHARLES MILTON!

TOUR GUIDE LEADS THEM OVER A FEW MORE FEET.

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