

I) First, you should watch this video about the man and his life : (3 minutes long and French subtitles)

Link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pECyIL2rqKo>



II) 1st Speech : I Charge the white man (= J'accuse ...) From The Biopic Malcolm X

(1ere Partie : regardez et écoutez la bande annonce et complétez le discours avec les mots ci-dessous :

created
destruction earth
peace greatest
enslaver place
being murderer

1 Brothers and sisters, I'm here to tell you that I charge the White man. I charge the White man with being the
2 greatest on earth. I charge the White man with being the kidnapper on earth. There is no
3 in this world that that man can go and say he created and harmony. Everywhere he's gone he's
4 havoc. Everywhere he's gone he's created . So I charge him. I charge him with the greatest
5 kidnapper on this earth. I charge him with being the greatest murderer on this . I charge him with being
6 the greatest robber and on this earth. I charge the White man with being the greatest swine-eater on
7 this earth, the greatest drunkard on this earth.

2nd & 3rd parts : Listen and complete :

8 He can't deny the charges. You can't the charges. We're the living proof of those . You and I
9 are the . You're not an American, you are the of America. You didn't have a
10 coming over here. He didn't say, "Black man, Black woman, come on over and help me America."
11 He said, "Nigger, get down in the bottom of that and I'm taking you over there to help me build
12 America." Being here does not make you an American. I'm not an American. You're not an American.
13 You are one of million Black people who are the of America.

14 You and I, we've never seen any democracy. We ain't seen no in the cotton fields of Georgia. That
15 wasn't no democracy down there. We didn't see any democracy on the streets of and the streets of
16 Brooklyn and the of Detroit and . That wasn't democracy down there. No, we've never
17 democracy; all we've seen is hypocrisy. We don't see any American . We've experienced only the
18 American .

III) Now, do you remember MLK's writing style? His favourite figures of speech (figures de style) to be more striking? (pour frapper les esprits)?

In part 1: Can you find any ANAPHORES (=repetitions of the same words at the beginning of sentences) ?
Copy them here :

In part 2 : Can you find an ALLUSION (=a reference) to slavery? Copy it here :

In Part 3 : Can you find an ANTITHESIS (=creating contrast between ideas, concepts or people to shock).
Copy it here :

IV) And at last, read aloud the lines 8 & 9 (lecture à voix haute des lignes 8 et 9)