



I Am Not Your Negro is an examination of race in America through the words of famous writer James Baldwin. Director Raoul Peck envisions Baldwin's unfinished novel left after his death, where Baldwin provides a personal account of the lives and assassination of his close friends Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., and Medgar Evers. This documentary reveals America's failure to amend its history of racial inequality toward African Americans.

I Am Not Your Negro is a journey into black history that connects the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present of [#BlackLivesMatter](#). The documentary is available to rent on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Redbox, Vudu, and Youtube.
(95 minutes)

Season 3 - Film #4 *I Am Not Your Negro*

Study Guide Questions for February 27, 2023.

Be prepared to discuss #1,2,3,7 and 8

1. Describe how James Baldwin felt about Blacks, Whites and heroes as he was growing up in America. Explain why.

2. Describe how James Baldwin felt about Muslims and Christianity. Explain why.



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3. Describe how James Baldwin felt about the NAACP and what he felt that his role was regarding Civil Rights.

4. What challenges did James Baldwin have from the FBI?

5. Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King both represented a segment of African American people. What did James Baldwin say were their differences and similarities?

6. What did James Baldwin say about segregation and its impact on how Whites felt about African Americans?

7. James Baldwin said, “America does not know what to do with its Black population. He said that it was a myth that Negroes are docile.” How did James Baldwin describe life for African Americans living in America?



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8. James Baldwin said, “Forget the Negro problem. Look at what is happening in America. Brother has murdered brother knowing it was his brother. White men have lynched Negroes knowing them to be their sons. White women have had Negroes burned knowing them to be their lovers. It is not a racial problem. It is a problem of - Are Americans willing to look at their lives and history and be responsible for it and then begin to change it?” What is your interpretation of America’s problem?

9. What is your understanding of the “misunderstandings of the nature of hatred between African Americans and Whites”?

10. In 1968, Robert Kennedy said that Black people were making progress and could even be a future president. Baldwin said that Blacks have been here 400 years and in 40 years they may let us be president. What do you think Baldwin meant by that statement? What do you think Baldwin would say today about the state of America after having an African American President.

11. Describe how James Baldwin describes America’s economic success and how Blacks participate in the “American Dream.”

12. Per James Baldwin, “The world is not white. White is a metaphor for power.” How would you explain the meaning of that statement?



Challenge Actions for our meeting February 27, 2023

What will you do now to learn more, teach or confront Racism? Here are opportunities for more learning, unlearning and relearning:

- [3 minute film clip James Baldwin, in Our words and His](#)
- [4 minute film clip on James Baldwin on Education](#)
- [8 minute film clip of James Baldwin - Debate at Cambridge University with William F. Buckley Jr \(conservative author\)](#)
- [90 minute James Baldwin documentary \(free but has ads\)](#)