

I chose option 2, and actually read a few of the reflections on that page. The one I am going to reflect on, however, is the one by Kwame Ture. I had to think and look back in time really hard, but I remembered freshman year working with MLK Visiting Scholar Ricardo Pitts-Wiley and a few other students to put on a small performance in honor of the Civil Rights Movement. We all took turns reading pieces of speeches given by various leaders in the movement as part of an opening act to a play about Dr. King's life and legacy. I had the privilege of playing Kwame Ture.

To prepare for the role, I had looked up and read, and sometimes listened to, a number of speeches he had given. However, this reflection shows a different side of him. Not so much the leader and public face, but the thinker and planner as well. It was also interesting to see the laid back and "human" side to him. Often with great leaders, we see them as "larger-than-life." Things like this help to put them in perspective.

Relating more to the reflection itself, I also found Dr. King's response to "black power" to be interesting. From a third-party perspective, I can see how people might take it the wrong way. But, I can also see a different meaning to "black power." Rather than taking power, another way to view it might be through giving power – that is opportunities and resources not previously awarded.

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