



# WATCH & LEARN: ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## HOW WE LIVE: CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

### BLACK CULTURE @ ROYAL WEDDING (3:45)

#### VIDEO Script & Vocabulary (page 1 of 1/v933)

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2 - B1) AND ABOVE

- ◇ Read the script and note new vocabulary
- ◇ Write three sentences using new vocabulary
- ◇ Prepare for the discussion questions

Starting Off

**Meet the black gospel choir and African American preacher who took center-stage at the royal wedding held on May 20th, 2018.**

- 1 Read the **Video Script** below. The words in **bold** are defined in the **Vocabulary** section. Look up any new words in a dictionary.
- 2 Go to the **Your Turn** section at the end of this document. Practice using new words and expressions from the video script to prepare for your next class.
- 3 Look at the **Discussion Questions** and prepare your responses for the next class.

#### Video Script:

**Karen Gibson, Choir Conductor:** It feels like it's something new, brand new and fresh.

**Bishop Michael Curry:** I realized Dr. King might be the voice who might speak in this moment.

**Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Virtuoso**

**Cellist:** I was playing pieces that I love listening to and love to play so that was really exciting.

(Segment of *Stand By Me* as performed by The Kingdom Choir)

**Gibson:** It was **unreal**, that's how it was - **surreal** if you like and a history making moment I feel, you know? The couple were very **instrumental** and very **intentional** about what we sung and how we sung it.

**Serena Williams:** Hey Ya'll. So my friend's getting married today. I'm up super early - for me - and I've known her for so many years and I'm so happy for her.

**Kanneh-Mason:** They are such a lovely couple and I'm just so honored to have been invited to play at their wedding. It will be something that I will remember for a long time and I hope that they will have enjoyed my performance as well.

**Bishop Curry:** The late Dr Martin Luther King once said and I quote: "We must discover the power of love. The **redemptive** power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world." Well, there were some old **slaves** in America's **Antebellum south** who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform..... They're passionately committed to changing the lives of people, of helping children, or **empowering** women, of doing things that actually make a difference both in the lives of individual people, but also in the life of the systems and structures that sometimes are part of that. Power in love. Not just in its romantic forms but any form, any **shape** of love. There's a certain sense in which when you are loved and you know it, when someone cares for you and you know it, when you love and you show it. It actually feels right. There's something right about it.



#### Discussion Questions:

- ◇ What's your opinion of the British Royal Family? Do you follow the news about them from time to time or are you indifferent to their trials and tribulations?
- ◇ Did you happen to see the Royal Wedding of May 20th, 2018 between Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle? If so, what was your opinion of the event?
- ◇ What forms of African-American culture do you admire or are you familiar with in terms of art, music, literature, political movements, religious traditions etc.? In what ways do you find African-American culture distinctive and unique?

#### Vocabulary:

- **unreal** - incredible
- **surreal** - having the qualities of surrealism; bizarre; (surrealism: a 20th-century avant-garde movement in art and literature which sought to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind, for example by the irrational juxtaposition of images)
- **instrumental** - taking a central and significant role in something; vital
- **intentional** - deliberate
- **redemptive** - acting to save someone from error or evil
- **slave** - a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to obey them
- **Antebellum south** - The Antebellum era was a period in the history of the Southern United States, from the late 18th century until the start of the American Civil War in 1861, marked by the economic growth of the South
- **empowering** - make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights
- **shape** - form

