

THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

Viewing Guide

Frame 1: Who do the two African-Americans in the cart represent? (Use your vocabulary!)

Frame 2: What do the marching soldiers represent? (HINT: look at the cartoon as if it were a map and think of your cardinal directions! Then study the sign by the ruined bridge.)

Frame 3: What does the \$2 admission fee at the “Win A Vote” booth represent?

Frame 4: What was the purpose of the “Littercy (Literacy) Test?”

Frame 5: Who do the figures in the pointed hoods represent? Why would these figures want to win at “Wound-A-Voter?”

Frame 6: Based on what you see in the cartoon, and what you know about American history from your reading, what would you expect to be true about a city named Jimcrowville? (Think how the town got its name!)

Frame 7: How does “Jim Crow” keep the old man from finishing his game and prevent people from putting salt and pepper on the same table?

Frame 8: What is surprising about the scoreboard?

Frame 9: What does the fact that all the soldiers shown in the parade are black tell you about the U.S. Army at this time?

Frame 10: What does this frame tell us about what African-Americans who moved to cities in the north learned?

Frame 11: Who is the figure the old man is trying to awaken? Why does the younger man say it “looks like he’s gonna sleep for years?”

Final question: In frame 3 the sign on the back of the cart reads, “Freedom or Bust.” In the last frame, the sign reads, “Busted.” What does this mean?