

# Movies & Languages 2018-2019

## *Blackkklansman*

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Spike Lee
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2018 / USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Drama
<b>ACTORS</b>	John David Washington, Laura Harrier, Adam Driver, HarryBelafonte



### PLOT

The film takes place in the early 1970's. The civil rights movement had gained great momentum and entered many facets of American society, but by now was fragmented. The Vietnam War had already been going on for 10 years and had just got uglier and uglier. Ron Stallworth, a cool young black guy, is sincerely interested in joining the Colorado Springs Police Department and he gets the job. At work his fellow policemen frequently find it difficult to treat him like one of the others because he is black. In addition, because he is black, he is the natural choice to infiltrate the black student's group at the university in the city. They are expecting a meeting by a noted Black Panther. Here he meets the head of the black students' movement, Patrice Dumas. They, Ron and Patrice, start up a relationship. The police department then moves him to the undercover and investigating department. Because he's bored and because he's curious, he follows an ad to join the KKK movement in Colorado Springs, and here the film begins. The local KKK believe from his phone call that he is sincerely interested in joining. Because Ron obviously can't go to his initial interview, Flip Zimmerman, a Jewish police officer, not on bad terms with Ron, stands in for him. The film takes off from here.

### LANGUAGE

At one point Ron says, "I can speak the King's English or I can speak jive". The film is in standard King's English and jive, with a lot of 70's slang.

### VOCABULARY

<b>He had them pretty riled up:</b> under his influence, they became very agitated	<b>To stir them up:</b> to get them excited and agitated
<b>Birth of a Nation:</b> the first major silent film about the history of the USA in 1915 by Griffith	<b>White lily ass:</b> lily-white was often said to be the color of Christ
<b>Pigs:</b> police	<b>Jeopardize the case:</b> to put the case at risk
<b>Coons:</b> short for the animal (raccoons) or short for black people	<b>Dego:</b> a Hispanic American <b>Spik-nick:</b> some who half Hispanic and half black
<b>Jewish controlled puppets:</b> the government in Washington is controlled by Jews comedians and singers, who performed with Frank Sinatra	<b>Mongrel nation:</b> a nation that is not made of pure breeds. A pure breed is usually used for a dog that is 100% of a certain race, i.e. a poodle ( <i>barbone</i> ). Mongrels are mixed breed dogs

<b>Right on:</b> I absolutely agree	<b>To dig it:</b> to really enjoy something
<b>Predators craving the virgin white:</b> predators/savages who lust after/sexually desire white virgin maidens	<b>High ranking blood sucking Jews:</b> parasitic Jewish bureaucrats or people with power <b>Kikes:</b> Jewish people
<b>To overthrow:</b> to put down the government and take power <b>Commies:</b> communists	<b>Disjointed:</b> to not have joints that work fluidly, therefore, to have joints that result in awkward movements
<b>Uncle Ben's:</b> a brand of rice, that has a smiling old black man with grey hair as a kind of cameo insignia on its box	<b>Aunt Jemima:</b> a brand of maple syrup, that has a big fat black woman, who is very motherly, as its image
<b>To draft:</b> when a government issues an official notice that forces young males to become part of the army. A male between the ages of 18 -24 could legally avoid the draft in the USA by enrolling in university. His draft became delayed until the end of his undergraduate career	<b>A draft dodger:</b> person who tries to avoid the draft through some illegal means like immigrating to Sweden/Canada <b>Draft Dodger, Mohamed Ali:</b> the boxer. He was draftee to go into the Vietnam War, and he protested and refused to go
<b>To turn the other cheek:</b> the guidelines for the New Testament, to show compassion rather than hostility	<b>His hair is nappy:</b> his hair is very tangled and stuck together
<b>Niche:</b> a small space for something	<b>To be scorned:</b> to be ridiculed and harassed
<b>Rooky:</b> one who has just started his job, and because of inexperience doesn't exactly know how to perform it properly	<b>Cheese dip and chips:</b> a creamy cheese sauce for potato chips
<b>Toad:</b> a dryland frog or slang for a black person	<b>Leach:</b> blood sucking parasite
<b>The Black Panthers:</b> the biggest and most powerful of the black anti-establishment activist groups	<b>Cross burning:</b> for the KKK to burn a cross in front of a building meant to cleanse the scene and to carry out the will of God
<b>Osmond Brother:</b> a group of brothers who formed a musical group. They also had a TV show. The youngest one, Danny, was the leader. They were white, Mormons and had a fundamentalist white appeal	<b>Beverly Hill Billies:</b> a famous TV show about poor country farmers who by accident strike it rich discovering oil. They are white and move to Los Angeles <b>Get Smart:</b> a comedy detective TV series
<b>To weed out:</b> to take away the bad plants from the good ones	<b>Mary Jane:</b> marijuana

#### PEOPLE QUOTED IN THE FILM

<b>Vivien Lee</b> (actress): in <i>Gone with the Wind</i> , the beautiful southern girl who goes from great wealth to poverty with the defeat of the Confederates, the slave state	<b>Stokely Carmichael:</b> big leader for the Black Panthers, which was a violent anti-W.A.S.P. (White Anglo Saxon Protestant) group in the Late 60's and principally the early 70's
<b>David Duke:</b> in that period, the young and enthusiastic leader of the Klu Klux Klan	<b>Angela Davis:</b> a leading black activist and feminist in the militant Communist party in the USA
<b>O. J. Simpson:</b> a famous black American football player, who later became an actor. In the 90's he killed his ex-wife in what was a big Hollywood scandal	<b>J. Edgar Hoover:</b> the Director of the FBI for most the after war years. He died in 1972
<b>Willie Mays:</b> a famous black baseball player <b>Cybill Shepherd:</b> famous white actress	<b>Archie Bunker:</b> the father in a popular American 70's-early 80's TV program, where Archie and his wife are conservative blue collar characters