

- 1) There are black people in every major category : actors, screenwriters, directors...
- 2) Dorothy Dandridge was an actress: the first black woman to be nominated for an Academy Award, she refused to play a slave, so she couldn't find roles. She died of a drug overdose and she only had \$2.
- 3) David Oyelowo thinks that Hollywood don't know what to do with black Oscar winners, because their path (*chemin*) isn't clear.
- 4) Since 1929 3.000 Academy Awards have been awarded but less than 30 to people of colour.
- 5) If black actors want to win an Academy Award, they often have to play in film based on true stories, about people of colour, like Nelson Mandela. It's the only way they can play main roles without white competition.
- 6) *The Butler* is a film about an African American butler who served 8 US presidents.  
Investors wanted to cast more white actors, like a white best friend for the butler.
- 7) Pam Williams is the producer of *The Butler*. She doesn't think the investors want to be racist, but that they believe that white people want to see themselves on screen, to make the films more acceptable (and marketable).

Person	Date	Reason
Will Smith	Today	Famous black actor, in many TV series
Oscar Micheaux		Father of black cinema
Morgan Freeman	Today	Voice actor, famous actor

Maria P. Williams		First black woman film producer
Chadwick Boseman		Played <i>Black Panther</i>
John Singleton		Director of <i>Boyz in the hood</i>
Eddie Murphy		One of the first successful black comedians