ABSTRACT

DISSERTATION/THESIS/RESEARCH PAPER/CREATIVE PROJECT: Wake: A Conscious Mind

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Wake is a 3D animated short that explores the impact and struggle of police brutality, discrimination, and racial injustice on a young African American woman. The development of my narrative and concept is greatly influenced by the politically conscious phrase and hashtag, ‘Stay Woke.’ According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, woke means, “aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice).” My story revolves around a young black woman trying to escape racial injustice in her world by falling into a dream. The dream she wakes in reflects the same realities of the world she tried to escape. She comes to the realization, once she wakes, that she must “Stay Woke” to the reality of the world where discrimination and discriminant policing are still occurring. Police brutality and racial injustice are issues portrayed in Wake, through the use of Surrealistic environments, and iconography such as eyes, gravestones, and other objects within the environment. The goal of this film is to bring more awareness to police brutality, discrimination, and racial injustice to a diverse audience.