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## What to see at Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on MLK Day

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"Badge of Honor" is a two-room installation featuring videos of a teenage boy and his imprisoned father.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is open on Monday holidays. Here are three shows that seem especially significant on Martin Luther King Day, as Americans celebrate the victories of the civil rights movement and ponder the meaning of freedom today.

1. "Home -- So Different, So Appealing."

This show featuring hard-hitting monumental works by contemporary Latin American artists connects with people on a very personal level, says Mari Carmen Ramirez. "Each gallery is like a meditation on issues that are very topical today. It's stimulating to thing about some of these issues in a very quiet way. It's a big show but it's not full of works."

2. "Monuments: 276 Along the U.S.-Mexico border, 276 views of the U.S.-Mexico Border," by David Taylor."

Much more poetic than a wall, obelisks mark the boundary established by the Mexican-American War. Artist David Taylor is photographing all of them, along a line stretching 690 miles from the Rio Grande to the Pacific Ocean. This special presentation is adapted from his print portfolio. On view through Jan. 28.

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3. "On Common Ground: Recent Acquisitions in Contemporary Art."

Wangechi Mutu's powerful "Trinity" -- including her large collage "Forbidden Fruit picker," her evocative film "The End of carrying All" and her sculpture "She's got the whole world in her" welcomes visitors into an excellent group show of recently acquired works by some of the world's best-known contemporary artists who consider the world we live in, and the world we have made.

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