How have the experiences of African Americans differed from those of Black immigrants in New York City and how have those differing identities affected their respective experiences with racism?

**Hypothesis:** Our findings will show a significant divide between African Americans descended from the slave trade and Black immigrants, as a result of white supremacy.

### Slave Trade
- The slave trade was established in the mid-17th century
- Over 300,000 Africans were forcibly brought to the US
- This process accounts for most of the Black people in the US today.
- 20% of colonial New Yorkers were enslaved Africans
- NYC was a key center for the Atlantic slave trade, with main slave traders arriving in Manhattan

### Significance:
- This research has shown that there is a significant divide between African Americans and the more recent Black immigrants
- This divide exists from a history of white supremacy
- Both groups have experienced discrimination and have been the victims of a systemically racist society but have had their own forms of discrimination as separate identities
- Understanding these experiences parallel to one another helps us to better understand the history and nuances of racism in this country, in order to have an impact on the sociological factors that influence racism.

### The Great Migration
- The North was much more desirable for its higher wages and safer living conditions.
- This migration was vital to the success of many people however, because of their low economic status, they were forced to settle amongst each other in ghettos and urban areas
- Over 100,000 African Americans settled in NYC during the Great Migration

### Black Immigrants:
- Influx in number of Black immigrants coming to America in the past forty years.
- In the early 1980s there were 800,000 Black immigrants in the United States, now there are nearly 4.6 million.
- Over 58 percent of Black immigrants came to America after the year 2000.
- Immigrants from Jamaica and Haiti account for many of the recent Black immigrants in the United States.