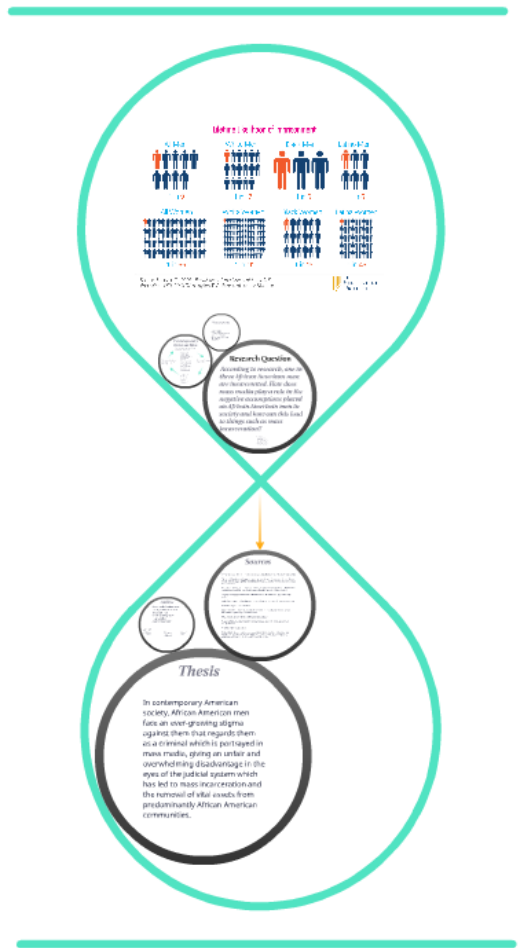


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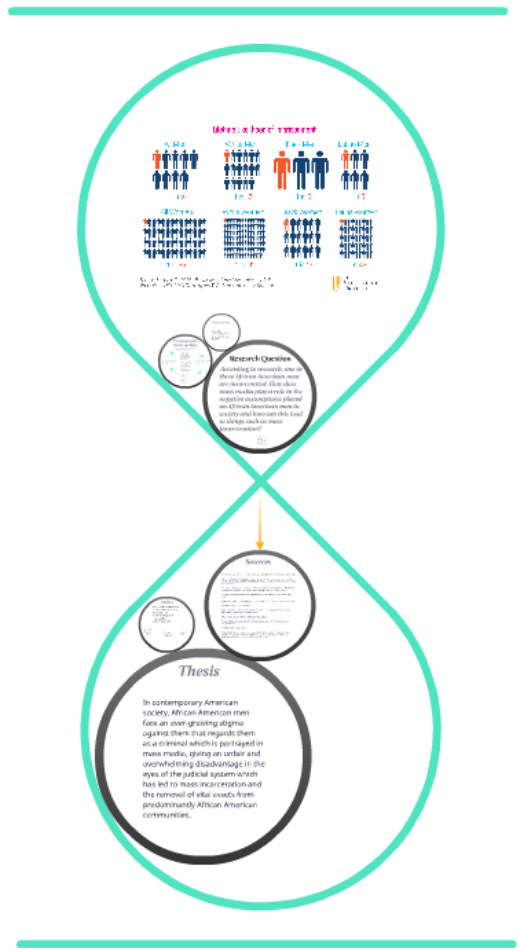
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Lifetime Likelihood of Imprisonment

All Men



1 in 9

White Men



1 in 17

Black Men



1 in 3

Latino Men



1 in 6

All Women



1 in 56

White Women



1 in 111

Black Women



1 in 18

Latina Women



1 in 45

Source: Bonczar, T. (2003). *Prevalence of Imprisonment in the U.S. Population, 1974-2001*. Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Brainstorming

- Focus on race
- How Berea has promoted interracial education
- African Americans' role in Appalachia

Contemporary Issues on Race

Increased amounts of media time
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How does this impact
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Research Question

According to research, one in three African American men are incarcerated. How does mass media play a role in the negative assumptions placed on African American men in society and how can this lead to things such as mass incarceration?

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Thesis

In contemporary American society, African American men face an ever-growing stigma against them that regards them as a criminal which is portrayed in mass media, giving an unfair and overwhelming disadvantage in the eyes of the judicial system which has led to mass incarceration and the removal of vital assets from predominantly African American communities.