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How difficult it was to choose a community?

This week we had the opportunity to be broken into groups for our upcoming group project. The project includes for us to study a certain community within the region and presenting our findings to our class. I was put in a group with Kiara, Melissa, and Aliyah, Aliyah was not present for this week's group assignment.

Our first assignment was to identify the community we wanted to study and work on together, we eventually settled on Williamsburg, Brooklyn. However, the decision wasn't made lightly. As a group we first identified where we all were from, Kiara was from Queens, Aliyah, and Melissa were from the Bronx, and I was from New Jersey. We realized that we all came from different backgrounds, both regionally and culturally. We all seemed very excited to get to know more of a particular community but struggled to find one due to the many options that we had as a group. The whole group belongs to minority groups, which is reflected in the areas that we are residing in. We were curious about one another's areas but didn't feel that we would learn anything new.

Looking through the various surrounding regions of Manhattan, we see that there are many stereotypes and histories that make up what they are today. The Bronx isn't known for anything glamorous, and at one point we thought to explore the beauty that the Bronx offered. Most of our areas were predominantly communities of People of color, and really heavily influenced by various ethnic groups.

I eventually brought up the idea of gentrification and picked a community that is going through or went through gentrification. Automatically we all identified Williamsburg, and it

piqued everyone's interest. Brooklyn was a borough that many of us were not familiar with, and found it an opportunity for us to learn and grow through this project. Although it took most of our class time to discover this community, we felt it was the right fit, to learn more of the history of this particular community and to compare it to what it is modern day.

Overall, the process of deciding on a community was difficult given the many options, but once we all identified our goal for this overall project it was easy to be able to narrow down and make a decision.