WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE NWORD?

- It is a derogatory word derived from the river Niger.
- Slaves were called it; it’s a racial slur.
- It is a term of hate and discrimination.
- The way it is used to describe people at a certain point in time was hurtful. (/)
- It’s used a lot in the black community.
- It is used in two different contexts.
- It’s a terrible word.
- It has a huge historical presence.
- It is used on a much larger scale than what is assumed.
- The word can be insulting. (/)
- The Nword is used toward a specific race.
- It originated to be used by whites against African Americans/ people of color. (/)
- It is commonly used today in music.
- It is used by whites to dehumanize black people/ slaves.
- A word for only black people.
- The Nword is powerful.
- Among blacks, it never had such a bad connotation as it was desensitized into black culture.
- Derogatory and used loosely (/)
- It is used frequently.
- Original meaning of the Nword is “stupid.”
- It is used as a derogatory word in the past and now.
- Black people often use this word in greeting one another.
- It’s been said for generations.
- Some people say it in a negative way, a good way, or just to say.
- Used back in the day to hurt people; now people use it in a better way.
- White people used the word to make blacks inferior.
- The Nword was first used around the time blacks were slaves.
- Caucasians made up this term; they used it as an insult.
- Black folks use it as a word to address their homies; white folks use it as disrespect.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE NWORD?

- Why do people of color / blacks want to use it so badly?
- Why is it a word of hate?
• Why is the word used so heavily/often? (/)
• Who came up with this word? (/)
• How do others feel about using the Nword?
• What is the definition of this word? (/)
• How did this word originate? (/)
• Where did the word come from? (/)
• When did the Nword have such a bad meaning?
• How and when did people of color start using this word towards each other in a way that doesn’t seem as derogatory?
• Why is it a double standard in who can sue this word?
• Why do people feel it is necessary to use this word against others?
• The origins and how it’s changed.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN’T KNOW BEFORE THIS WORKSHOP?

• Not going to the ice cream truck again.
• Indians can sing.
• I didn’t know that the Nword was used in “Oh! Susanna.” (/)
• I learned that at an early age schools and education teach children to see color instead of being and feeling equal.
• Black people are suing other black people for saying the Nword in the workplace.
• No matter what spelling or the way it is said, it still leaves a huge impact.
• “Nigga” is kind of like bullying. If I am constantly called “ugly,” when I look in the mirror, I’m gonna see that. But the issue now is they try to make black people look white. White people touch. Black people run. “Nigger” dominated. We never said we made it or changed it. We are just saying historically, “nigger” is what’s known to be racist. This is like saying we shouldn’t buy Black sculptures with exaggerated faces and bodies.
• The connotation of the Nword began to change in the late 1500s and early 1600s.
• There is no historical difference between “nigger” and “nigga.”
• That slave masters said “nigga” with an “a”
• Ice cream song, Dr. Seuss, and other Disney songs use the Nword.
• Many songs from the 1900s were racist towards blacks.
• The Nword as “nigga” was used black in the 1920s.
• Many common and familiar children’s songs/books contain the Nword.
• It was used by people that I didn’t realize use it.
• You can’t change the meaning of things just because you change the spelling or substitute the word.
• Nig (ga/ger) are the same.
• How recent this word is still being used.
• All the songs I used to sing have deeper meanings.
• The songs we learned on the piano have different meanings.
• Words can be taken heavier than given.
• The Nword was set in stone to be a racial slur and derogatory.
• “Nigger” and “nigga” have often been worded into nursery rhymes.
- Where the Nword originated from and how
- Dr. Seuss was racist.
- The Nword is bad and be careful of what you say.
- Different songs portray the Nword in a derogatory from like “Oh! Susanna.”
- The Nword has different meanings and is used in certain ways.
- Children’s songs I know had the Nword in them; 5 black girls murdered at church
- Children’s songs were racist.
- So many racist terms were used in so many of my childhood songs.
- Kendrick Lamar called a white woman on stage to rap one of his songs and got mad when she used the Nword.
- That rally that was happening in 2012 when Obama was being reelected
- The songs about the 10 black boys in 2007
- Kendrick Lamar has been lying the whole time.
- Even though we don’t hear “nigger,” it is still used in songs we know and we can’t change that. But we can try and use a different word instead of “nigga.”
- Children’s books are being used to inspire people to use it.
- Racism is in a lot of children’s songs.
- People made very bad songs about “niggas” in a bad way like they made papers and even childhood songs talking about “niggas” like it was not okay. I find that very annoying that blacks had to go through that.