“The United States of America, “a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal,” began as a slave society. What can rightly be called the “original sin” slavery has left an indelible imprint on our nation’s soul. A terrible price had to be paid, in a tragic, calamitous civil war, before this new democracy could be rid of that most undemocratic institution. But for black Americans the end of slavery was just the beginning of our quest for democratic equality; another century would pass before the nation came fully to embrace that goal. Even now millions of Americans recognizably of African descent languish in societal backwaters. What does this say about our civic culture as we enter a new century?”

With the quote above and your reflections on the reading of *The Narrative of Frederick Douglass* in mind, crystallize your thoughts into a series of big ideas (keywords) about them both. Get to the point. No sentences. Words or 2 word phrases only please.
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| **AND** | ● Narrow your results  
● Tell the database that **all** search terms must be present in the resulting records  
● Example: "systemic racism" AND education |
| **OR** | ● Connect 2 or more similar concepts (synonyms)  
● Broaden your results, telling the database that **ANY** of your search terms can be present in the resulting records  
● Example: systemic OR institutional racism |
| **NOT** | ● Exclude words from your search  
● Narrow your search, telling the database to ignore concepts that may be implied by your search terms.  
● Example: racism NOT America |

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| ● To join together two or more words/concepts  
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● “Systemic racism” |