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August Wilson's speech shows the audience a clear theme on the under appreciation of African American Culture in the United States. With Wilson's history being deeply rooted in the Black Power Movement in the 1960's, we as the audience can see that his motivations come from the same source. Being an African American, Wilson is integrated and understand both African American and European American cultures. His involvement in the Black Power Movement has given him a purpose to participate in creating a better community for African American's today. Wilson also incorporates his passion of writing and theater into his speech. One of his strongest arguments contains the underrepresentation of African Americans in professional theater.

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My motivation was to find the events and cultures that August Wilson grew up and developed as a person in. I first went into Wilson's past to analyze his involvement in the Black Power Movement which he believes gave him a purpose and honor in his life. Using the Black Power movement, I understood the motivation of Wilson's speech; to expose the misrepresentation of African American Culture. By finding Wilson's motivation, I could relate this information to events that happened in his past and around the time he published this speech. Using this information, I can synthesize my own point of view. I was motivated this way because in order to understand the argument of Wilson, I needed to carefully analyze his motivation, including his history and passions. We live in an age where disagreeing with one another is how we progress our society. I have been taught to carefully analyze each and every bit of information given to me in order to fully understand my opposition.