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The Life and Legacy of Barbara Jordan: Primary Source Analysis
The Fifth Ward – Then, Now, Future

Instructions: With a partner, examine the original primary source document and answer the following questions. This document is handwritten notes written by Barbara C. Jordan for a speech she gave about the history, present state, and future of Houston's Fifth Ward. The images of the document are below as well as transcript.

All text used for document analysis in this worksheet is from: Jordan, Barbara C. Then Now Future, text, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph611512/> : accessed January 26, 2023), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, crediting Texas Southern University.

Analysis Questions for The Fifth Ward – Then, Now, Future:

1. What generalizations can you make about the subject of the speech based on the title?
2. What is the significance of the reference to June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, in the speech?
3. Who is the intended audience of this speech? Explain your reasoning.

4. What was the overall message of the speech?

5. How would you describe Fifth Ward and Barbara Jordan's feelings about it, based on the text of the speech?

6. What predictions can you make about the significance that Fifth Ward will play in Barbara Jordan's leadership?

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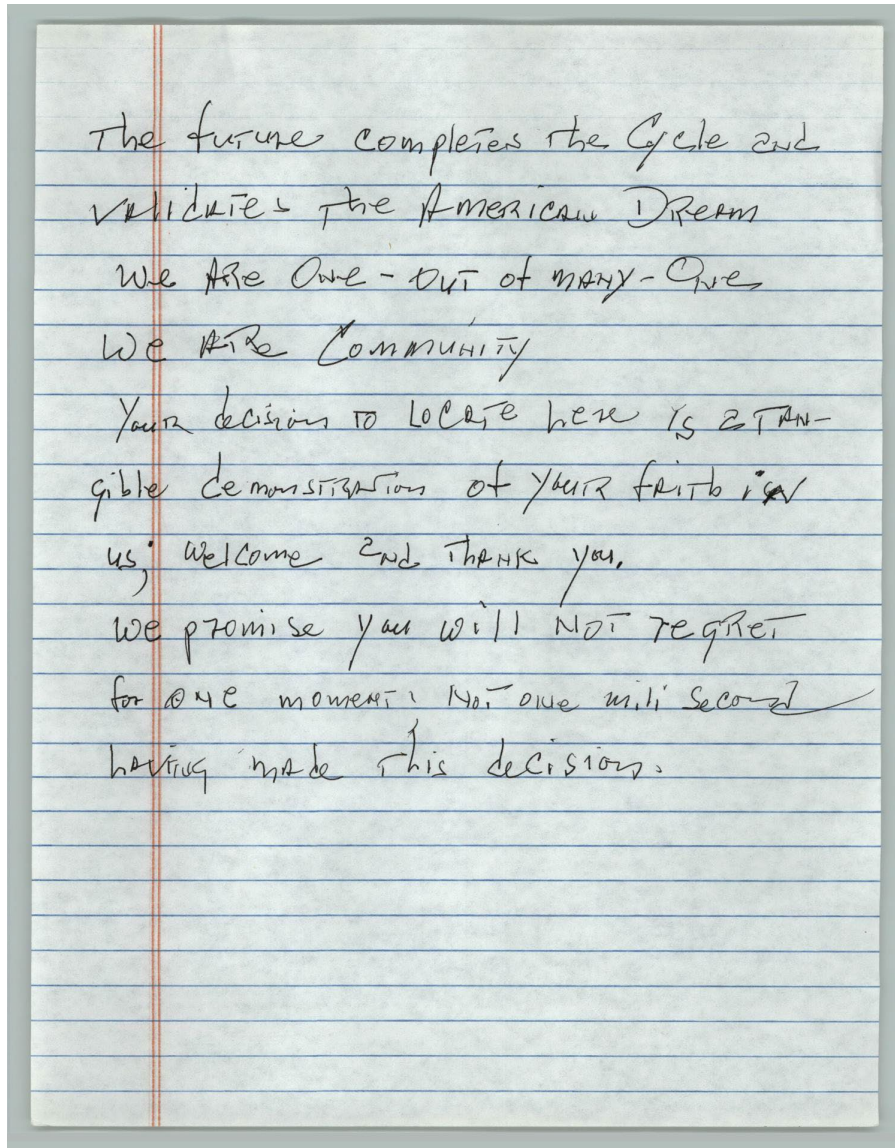
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