SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF MEMORY

THE INTERSECTIONS OF PHOTOGRAPHY & STORYTELLING

PUZZLE& RESEARCH QUESTION(S)



How is memory communicated through photography and images?

What other mediums are employed to engage an image?

What role does the image, specifically the snapshot, play in Black memory and history-making?

SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY

"IN OUR GLORY:
PHOTOGRAPHY &
BLACK LIFE"

bell hooks

"LISTENING TO IMAGES"

Tina M. Campt

"HUES AND GROOVES"

Katherine McKittrick

HISTORICAL AUTO-ETHNOGRAPHICAL FRAMEWORK WITH INSIGHTS FROM INFORMAL INTERVIEWS

RESEARCH DESIGN

This process has been very difficult at times.

Difficult in the sense of the burden or weight of emotions
That comes with these moments of reflection, conversations,
Confrontations, and review. I have laughed, cried, sang,
Danced, and wallowed, as I think through the presence of
History in our daily lives as diasporic peoples who know
No home but the soil we have been displaced upon. This
Simultaneous yearning for a homeplace that no longer
Exists, that we have never had the privilege of knowing,
while recognizing, loving, and finding comfort
in the homeplace, we have created and maintained
For ourselves, through our relations.,

KEY FINDINGS & ARGUMENTS

I. HISTORY IS ALIVE & EVER-PRESENT

II. IMAGES DO NOT EXIST IN ISOLATION

III. SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUNDTRACKS WITHIN OUR LIVES



Snapshot of Veodis Watkins. 1949. Courtesy of bell books. Photographer unknown.

FINDINGS CONT'D

There is an aspect of reading involved when looking at an image.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dl0Retlpxi8



LIMITATIONS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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