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Assignment: 5 parts of Rhetorical Situation

**Purpose:**

In his poem, “Wailers” by Amiri Baracka, the ideal of racial discrimination was challenged through the imagery of people being wailers. In comparison to moby dick, the main character opposed the whale being hunted sort of like how he opposes the white people. Baracka made this poem to make a unity between all wailer who share the same ideals as he does, even though they are scared and have to talk about in secret.

**Audience:**

The poem is directed to all, “wailers”, or people who oppose racial discrimination done by the white race. He utilizes many famous references to show people that they have amazing talent of their own and deserve the respect from the white man. It’s to all the people who oppose discrimination even in the future generations when desegregation has occurred.

**Genre:**

This is a poem that argues against racial discrimination in a very powerful tone. It seems like Amiri Baracka was most likely affected by racial discrimination so the powerful tone makes the poem very intriguing.

**Stance:**

No doubt about it, Baracka is completely against racial discrimination and mistreatment of his people. He made wailers a sort of nickname to people like himself that deny the power of the white man and want change. Respect is essential, and like moby dick, he must go against them no matter how difficult the obstacle may be. Even if it ain’t now, the people in future generation will continue to advocate this ideal in secret until they’re no longer scared to act.

**Media/Design:**

The format of this particular poem is a freeverse that really compliments the use of imagery, hyperbole’s, onomatopoeia and the tone overall. His voice is almost colloquial to what he is trying in express and how he is trying to express it.