Never Forget Where you come from is the story of an African/American family growing up in the Bronx. This story will follow mainly a pseudo single mom and her three boys; as they all get older and learn from their experiences and mistakes. My drive for this project comes out of a need to speak to younger Black kids (not just males). Also, I want to create a way for children at a younger age to understand certain things from multiple people’s perspectives. This is an intergenerational story so it allows for each one of the characters to talk about a different issue that people don’t usually hear about. The societal issues I will be combating include but are not limited to :

* “Non-traditional” Family structure, inter-family issues
* Dealing with multiple identities
* Poverty and the exploitation of young people
* Immigration (Naturalization)
* Police/Mass Incarceration 🡪 the way we treat people afterwards ☹
* Drugs
* The Street life for people of different ages
* Fighting
* Gun violence
* Relationship issues
* Conformity
* A lack of a code of honor
* School vs Education
* Death

The main reason why I have included all these things into the mix is because they all effected my life growing up and whenever I go home and talk to my youngins/ look on media sources knows they still effect the lives of young kids today as much (if not more). I want this piece to expose the stories and life experiences that people like me walk around with and use to guide our lives but others don’t understand. Ultimately, I would like to start this in a way that shows people a lot about the hood and then when everything develops change the setting for one or two of the characters and give an insight into how the hood mentality keeps some people in the hood whether physically or mentally.