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Hurricane Katrina uncovered and raised awareness of a world of social injustice that has been perpetuated since its colonial founding. Public school systems were a mess, the police were rumored as corrupt, and cycles of poverty and despair in concentrated areas continued for generations. Katrina left New Orleans in some areas a complete wasteland. But what it took away were some areas that were desperately stuck in cycles of impoverished living. Katrina brought awareness to these issues and some restoration with hope for a better future. According to one scholar, “disasters magnify the existing social and economic trends in places; they do not fundamentally change them.” Through this disaster, New Orleans received aid but the social and economic problems such as concentrated poverty and racial, economic, and social injustice still exist and are a continual threat to those living in New Orleans.