







color line

African

American

twoness



# DOUBLE CONSCIOUSNESS

- Du Bois understood the **color line** that defined what he called the double consciousness of being **African** and **American**.
- "One ever feels his **twoness**: An American, a Negro, two warring souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings, two warring ideals, and one dark body whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder..."

