

Chelsea is a modern neighborhood in a historic area, filled with young business owners and workers and tourists. Its 100+ year old buildings are used for modern day commercial companies such as Apple, Google, and more, which proves this neighborhood to be sustainable. Another example of its sustainability is the use of its old elevated train track into the meat market, which is now used today as an elevated park called the Highline. Having done research on the neighborhood, I've found a lack of diversity in the area, with a 60% population of Caucasian. After meeting with my professor and discussing this, I have researched the controversy of the Highline, also known to some critics as "the tourist catwalk" and the gentrification it's caused in the neighborhood. That being said, my final research statement is as follows: I am studying the neighborhood on Chelsea because I want to find out more the gentrification and how it was caused by the construction of the Highline in order to help viewers understand why there needs to be an increase in diversity in the neighborhood.

