In a Dataset of Their Own

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African American literary studies
Differences between the sounds of black women poets and black women poets
Notes on the films

• 2,700 films, released from 1932 through 2018

• 2,175 films include only one of the 100 actors.

• 525 films include two of the 100 actors.

• 161 films include three of the 100 actors.

• 2 films -- *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018) and *Black Panther* (2018) -- include 9 of the 100 actors.
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2013 has most releases – 117.
• Largest concentration of actor birth years is from 1965 - 1975 (38 actors)

• The top 4 cities of birth: New York City (15), Los Angeles (10), Chicago (6), London (6)

• The actor with the most appearances -- Samuel L. Jackson (120)
Actors and no. of films through 2018
The furious, incredible, unbreakable, Jedi Knight
Samuel L. Jackson
“You put a n***a in Star Wars, maybe you need two. And then, maybe then we'll believe you.” —Common
The consequences of powerful buddies
Diverse talent vs. limited roles
What’s next?

• Development of classroom units on the use of datasets
• Collaborate with scholars to produce data visualizations
• Extend the dataset to address additional nuances