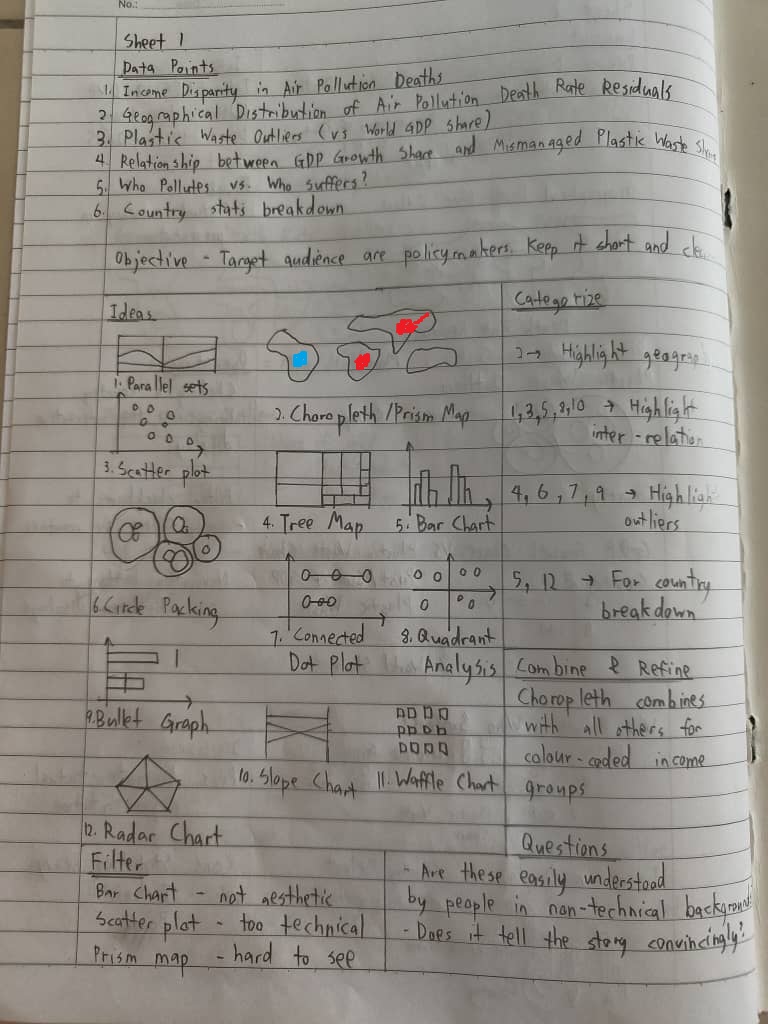
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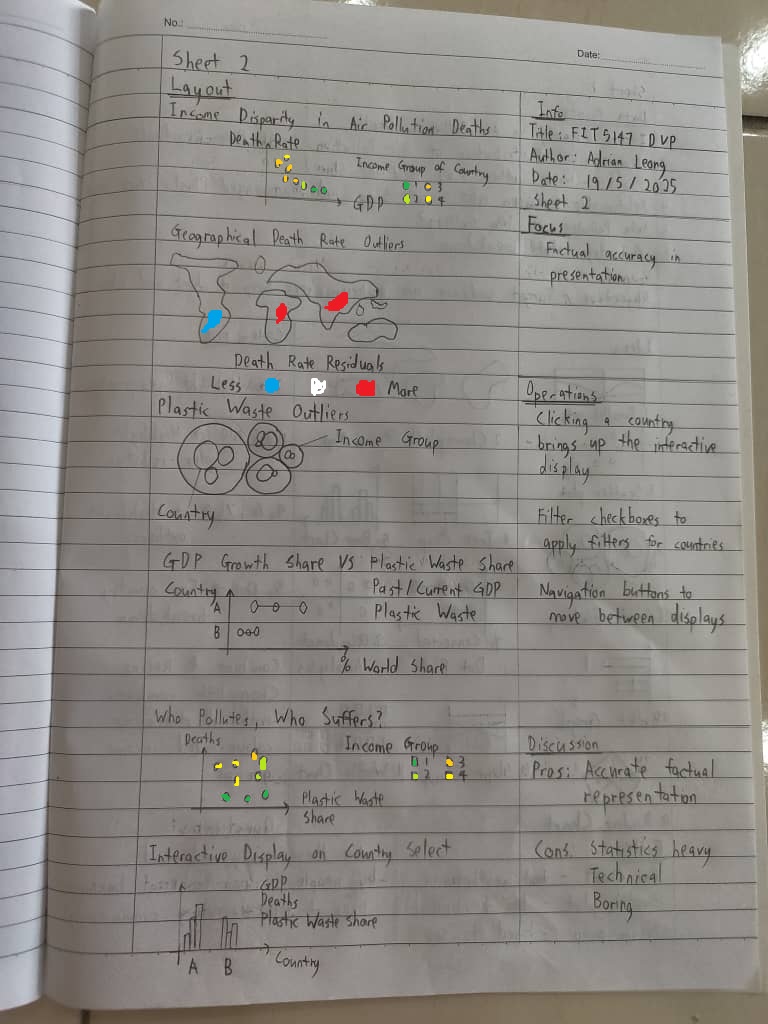
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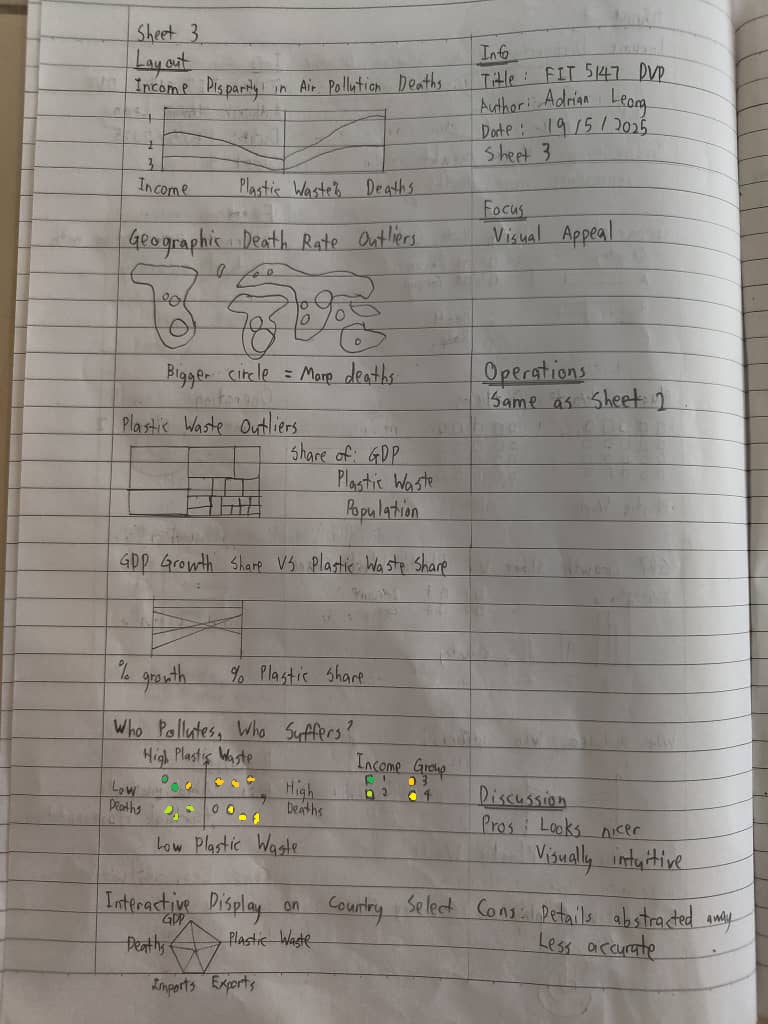
Climate change brings vast and profound implications, yet pollution continues to pose a substantial and distinct threat. Rather than solely detailing the already well-documented harms of pollution, I wish to delve into its root causes and the systems that perpetuate it. I am concerned by the potential for today's seemingly insignificant actions to fuel a future of the destruction of our own planet, and the lack of action by society.

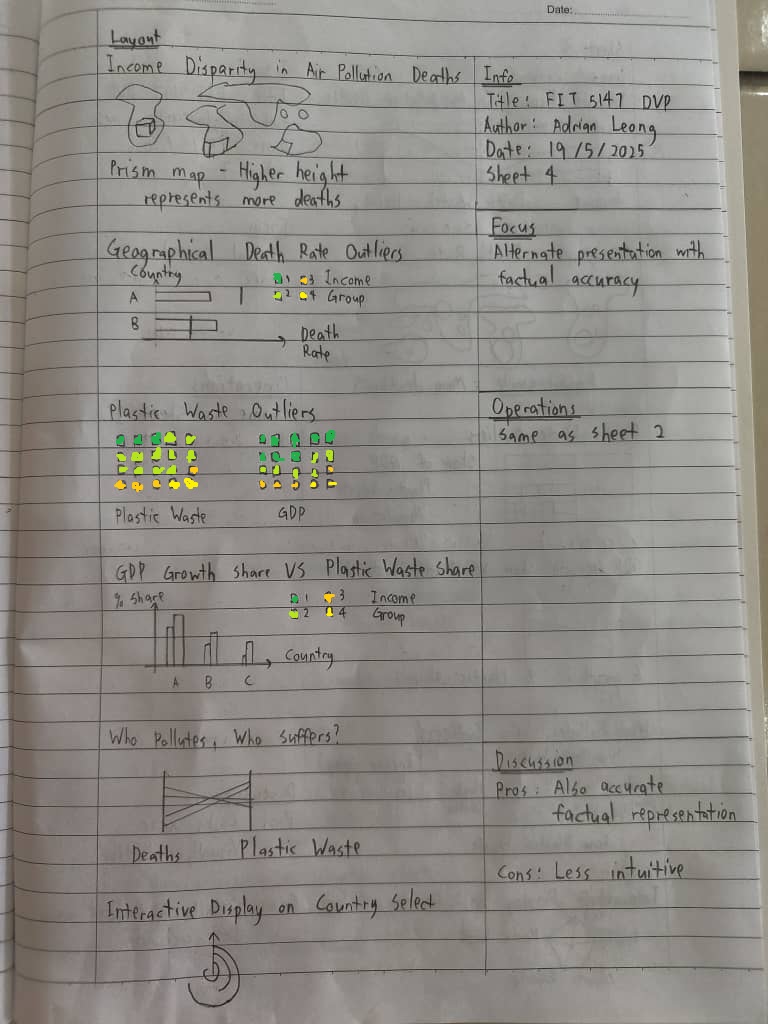
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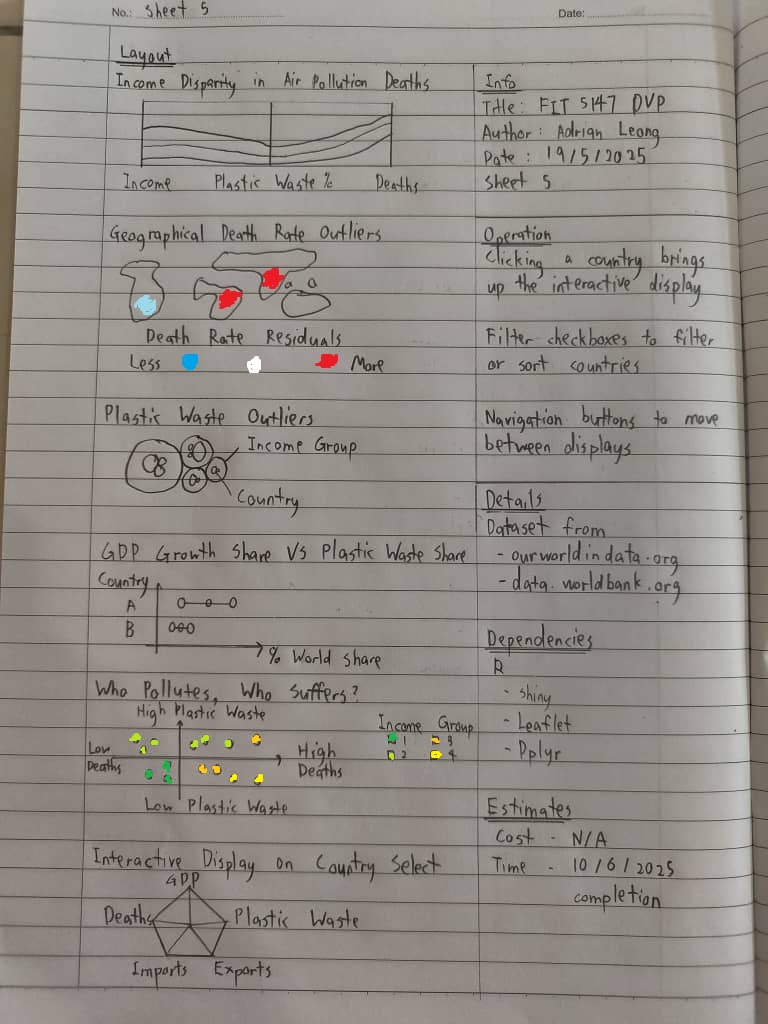
I aim to uncover the "where" and "what" of pollution's origins. By focusing on these underlying factors, I hope to provide a clearer understanding of what drives this unending treadmill of materialism.











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