

Research paper planning

Topic: Was their systemic racism or biases for the fallout shelters and their distribution? or was it evenly distributed around highly centered areas

- Target NYC maybe?
- Look at census data maybe and see if there was a concentration of nuclear fall out shelters in certain parts of the city
- See if the Fallout shelters were segregated in the south where segregation was still happening
- Open up with the cold war, arms race, and how there was a looming threat of a potential nuclear war that could unfold. Because of this, information on how to combat this was spread by government agencies through videos or newspapers describing what to do in situations of a nuclear explosion. Specifically, the video (turtle) discusses various ways in which people can increase their odds of survival—"duck and cover" method of doing blah blah blah, but additionally, going to a fallout shelter. In the video, it seems as though it is filmed in a fairly affluent neighborhood with the majority of children/families shown being white. Because of this, I was curious as to how the distribution of these fallout shelters were chosen in the US and what criteria was needed in order to construct one and where to put on.
- is it possible that only certain buildings could house these shelters, and if so, was every neighborhood—no matter what the general wealth for the location was—equipped to handle it? Or were the buildings only generally found in richer areas.
- One area of concentration that is pretty easy to see for segregating based on wealth, and subsequently race, is NYC. There are different towns that have different wealth levels so were these buildings likely to have a shelter?
- In places where there was more clear segregation, i.e. the south, was it required that in the event of a nuclear blast, a white person would be unwilling to share the shelter with some one who was not?
- Talk about how/what they are what the goal was for for them
- The time period and what was going on around that time
- What works were kind of inspired around the time period and the general populations attitude
- Where the majority of shelters were located (i.e. was it mainly around the tri-state area with NY, or all across the coasts.)
- It was said in a report by the Gaither committee that they were outrageously expensive, so meaning it was likely that they were only located in areas with a great amount of wealth
- You can talk about the idea of using other areas for a fallout shelter (i.e. mines and caves and what not)
- You can make your own, it was highly encouraged as seen by the pamphlet, however, this was costly and required some backyard size. And those who had access to such high amounts of money were predominantly white
- <https://www.history.com/news/nuclear-fallout-shelters-were-never-going-to-work> "19,000 of them would become shelters in NYC"
- http://digital.auraria.edu/content/AA/00/00/19/22/00001/AA00001922_00001.pdf
 - The shelter survey by kennedy
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