AP/USH+

Final Project 2022 – Supporting Question #2

* **Supporting Question #2** - How has redlining impacted the Rochester region?

1. On the chart below make careful observations and thoughtful interpretations using the interactive Mapping Inequality Redlining in New Deal America map [Mapping Inequality (richmond.edu)](https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=5/39.1/-94.58).

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| **What do you see?** | **What do you think is going on?** | **What does it make you wonder?** |
| I observe that in the Downtown Rochester area, it is more dangerous the more in the city you go.  The urban areas are hazardous and declining while the suburban areas are the best or desirable. | I think the urban areas are more affordable for families who are struggling to find a means to live. People in desperate conditions will do anything for their family to get food on the plate.  The suburban areas are more expensive, usually having better security and less people involved in crime. | What is considered hazardous or declining? Is it the amount of people who pay their loans or is it the amount of crimes that occur? |

1. Watch the Ted Talk “Crossing the Color Line” [Crossing the Color Line | Brennon Thompson | TEDxSUNYGeneseo - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UQUT4LMhAw) and record your observations on the chart below.

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| * As Thompson was passing through an area that he recognized through the news, he began to be fearful and afraid of his surroundings for his own safety. Thompson questioned his safety in these areas. * He was always a foreigner when going to another country no matter how culturally competent he was * A barrier of being the other, a irreplaceable authenticity from being from a place that cannot be taught * These experiences helped him to see the truth, the inequality around us isn’t something we learn in school. * Rochester is one of the most spatially segregated cities in the country * The street that you live is a strong predictor of your skin color and salary * Most city school districts are mostly black and the suburban schools are mostly white * Suburban schools consistently rank some of the best public schools in the nation * City schools rank among the worst * In 1900, population went from 12,000 to 160,000 * African American population went from 300-650 * Early black residents were Frederick Douglass * Many of the first black residents were freed residents or runaway slaves * Rochester was a stop in the Underground Railroad * Programs from the New Deal by F.D.R. to make home buying more affordable * Government made a map of every American city * This practice is called redlining |

1. Read sources A, B, C, D depicting redlining in the Rochester region and fill in the chart. The sources are linked below:

* Source A: <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2016/10/20/rochester-ny-redlining-map/92456536/>
* Source B: [How Rochester’s growing city and suburbs black residents (democratandchronicle.com)](https://www.democratandchronicle.com/in-depth/news/2020/02/05/rochester-ny-kept-black-residents-out-suburbs-decades/2750049001/)
* Source C: ['Redlining' an ugly reality in Rochester.pdf - Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nyDa7MartoDV4OkK-UkTDzCnTER6h9on/view)

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|  | **Evidence of Redlining** | **Impact of Redlining on the community?** |
| **Source A:**  Murphy, Justin. “1930s Rochester Redlining Maps Show Discrimination.” Democrat and Chronicle, 20 Oct. 2016. | In 1940, Rochester had 325,000 residents and 1% were black residents.  Rochester's white population moved en masse to the suburbs.  The city was way more racist  FHA made it nearly impossible for redlined residents to buy a home and build equity | Danger of overbuilding  Evidence of discrimination in lending of homes |
| **Source B:**  Murphy, Justin. “How Rochester’s Growing City and Suburbs Excluded Black Residents.” Democrat and Chronicle, 5 Feb. 2020. | A black man was rejected of housing because of his skin color  The government kept oncoming blacks out of white respectful neighborhoods | An increase of blacks living in the city  More whites living in the suburbs |
| **Source C:**  “Redlining' an Ugly Reality in Rochester.” Democrat and Chronicle, 20 Jan. 2013. | Lenders can accept or reject a mortgage application based on their financial worthiness.  Five Star had a map of Rochester that so obviously left out the city proper and suburban minority neighborhoods that it seems more a relic of the segregated 1940s or '50s than a practice that went on until 2013 | The bank would drop its mortgage minimum  Five Star is making amends to fix things |