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# Redlining: Past, Present & Future

A Case Study

# Essential Questions

- What are the underpinnings of the current racial divide in America?
- What role does race play in a person's socioeconomic status?
- How can we meaningfully combat the racial divide in America using policy and urban planning?

# Introduction Article

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## A 'Forgotten History' Of How The U.S. Government Segregated America

May 3, 2017 · 12:47 PM ET

Heard on [Fresh Air](#)



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# Empathy Building 101

# Bréne Brown on Empathy



# Think-Pair-Share

- Think
  - Who does redlining marginalize?
  - What fact stood out to you the most?
  - When did redlining start to take place?
  - Where does redlining take place? Where do those who are redlined live?
  - Why was/is redlining occurring?
  - How can redlining be stopped?
- Pair
  - Discuss your answers with a partner.
- Share
  - Discuss your thoughts within your group.

# Cities to Explore

1. Birmingham, AL
2. Philadelphia, PA
3. Chicago, IL
4. New Orleans, LA
5. Los Angeles, CA
6. Chattanooga, TN

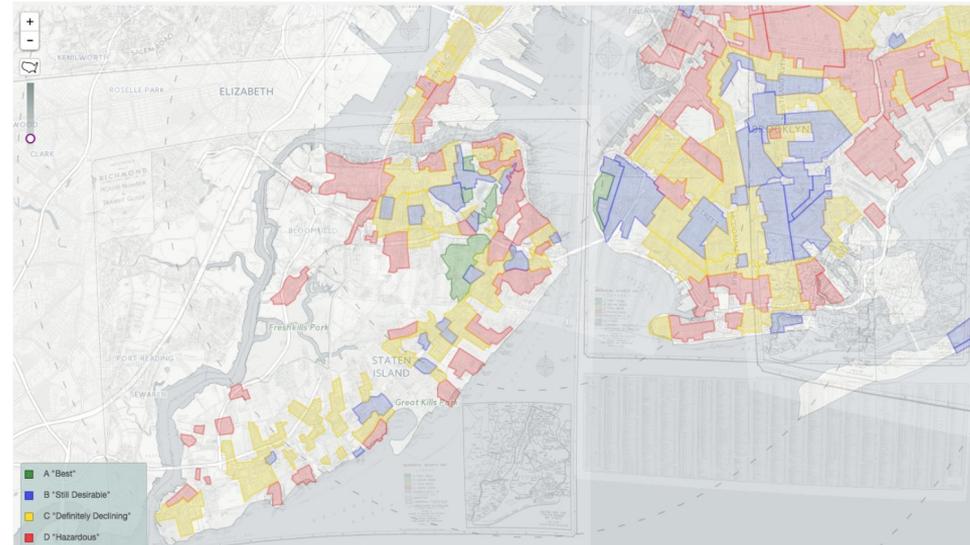
# Prompts

1. What is the population size, and what are the population demographics of your city?
2. What do the different colors on the map represent?
3. How are the different zones laid out on the map? (i.e., is blue next to green, or is green next to red?)
4. How does proximity to the city center affect zoning types?
5. Compare zone types and population density. Do you see any themes arise?
6. Find documentation for each zone type (“Best,” “Still Desirable,” “Definitely Declining,” and “Hazardous.”) What differences in income level do you notice among them?
7. Can you find the city’s “Security Grade?” What do you think this means?
8. Find and compare “Clarifying Remarks” for each zone type.
9. What method are the surveyors using to define zones? Is it systemic or standardized? Would you be able to replicate their decision-making process? Should you?

# Popcorn Read Within Your Group

## Interactive Redlining Map Zooms In On America's History Of Discrimination

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# Large Group Discussion

- What struck you the most with the second reading?
- Did what you learn in the second reading agree/disagree with what you found in the map? Why or why not?

# Mapping: Large Group Discussion

- What made your city unique in its zoning and demographics?
- What struck you most about the historical documents you found?
- Did you see a difference between the city you explored from 1930 and what you know about the city today?

## Final Thoughts

**How can we meaningfully combat the racial divide in America?**