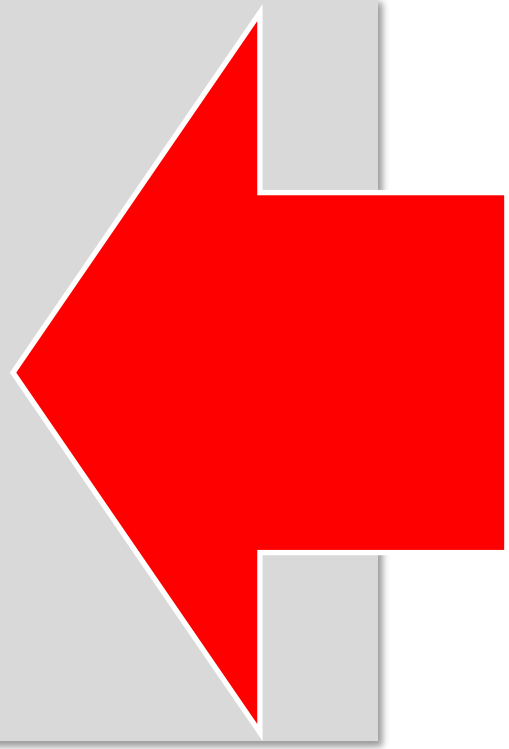
NOTE!

Assignment 10 has 4 questions (see last slide), but it counts for 10 points in my final grade calculations.
Submitting Assignment 10 will earn 10 points if it is complete and on time!
Think carefully about what kind of impression the photos and maps give you!

One note: These photos are about 15 years old. Keep that in mind when you are looking at certain things (for example, the apparent age of cars on the street).

You must submit your answers to the questions in Assignment 10 in Blackboard.



ASSIGNMENT Ch 10 – Reading the Urban Landscape

This exercise is based on work that was done by Kevin Lynch (emeritus professor, Penn State) and Grady Clay (journalist), thinking about how we process what we see in the city… what are the visual clues that tell us something about the place we are in? And… how does our subjective interpretation match with reality (using data to map out the characteristics of different neighborhoods, for example)?

This assignment is in three parts.

1. There are 6 pictures of different neighborhoods in Baltimore. Look carefully at each picture – imagine you were driving through – and make notes of what things you can see that tell you something about that neighborhood… who is likely to live there? Think about it in terms of low, middle or high income.
   → When you are finished with the 6 pictures, think about how they would pair up… are Pic 1 and 2 most alike? Or Pic 1 and 5? Match the 6 into three pairs, each having two neighborhoods that are "more alike" (they won't be a perfect match… one might be a high income neighborhood and one might be a middle-high… but they are a closer match to each other than any of the others.

2. This is followed by 5 maps. Instructions after images!

The next slide has the images of the 6 neighborhoods in Baltimore, MD. Examine each photo and consider what is different about them, and what they have in common. How would you pair them up so that "these two neighborhoods ar more alike," and "those two neighborhoods are similar," and, "these last two have common elements…"…?

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Part 1. Match the pictures so that you have three pairs; these neighborhoods are most like each other based on your observations of the city.

Low income: Picture ____ & Picture ____

Middle income: Picture ____ & Picture ____

High income: Picture ____ & Picture ____

Part 2. The next slide has 5 maps of the Baltimore area, with three areas marked A, B and C.

Makes notes for each map about what the information from the Census Bureau tells you about each area in each slide. After you have looked at all 5 maps, look over your notes, and think about what each area is likely to be like…

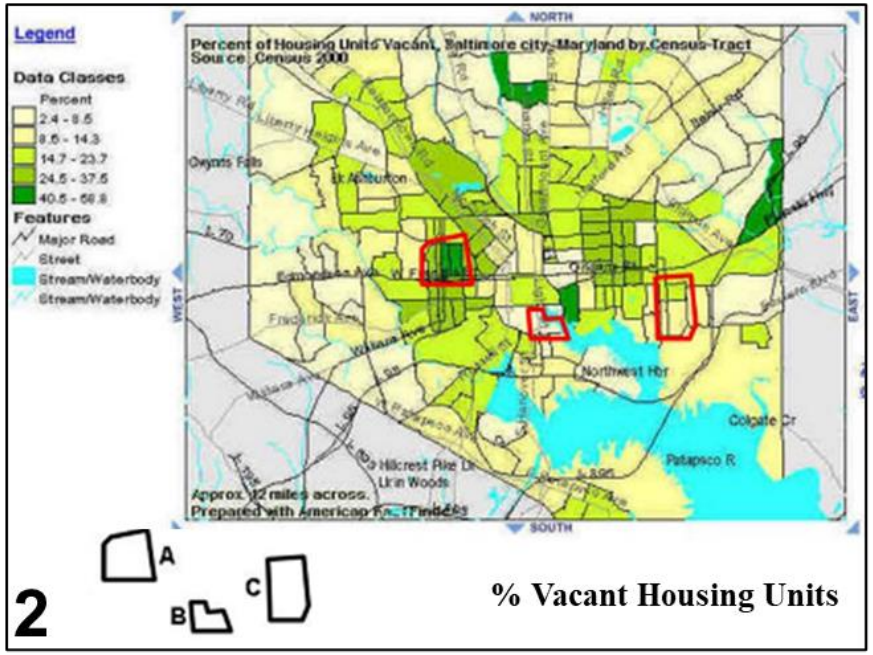
→ Which one is most likely to be low income?

→ …middle income?

→ …higher income?

Why?

Age of Housing Units
Oldest
Newest
A
B
C
1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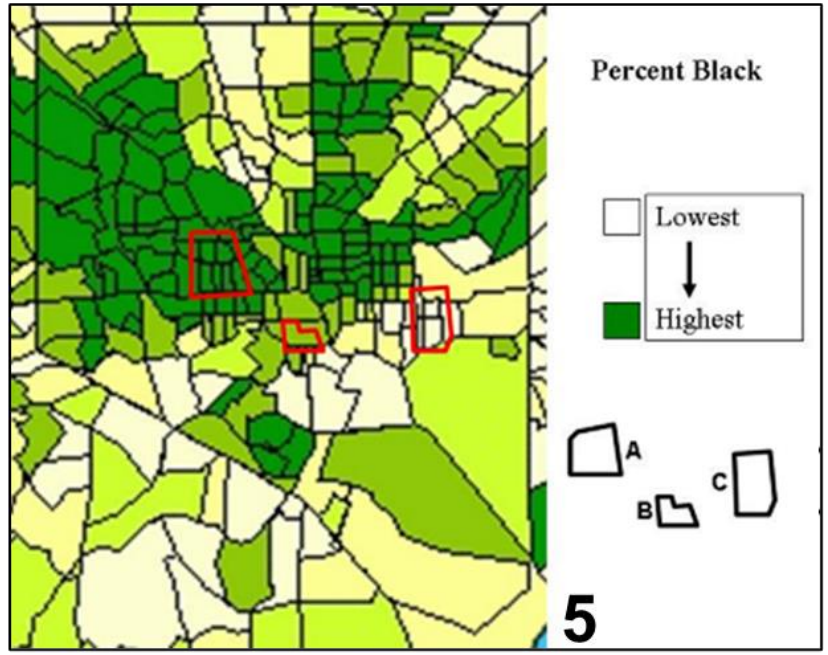
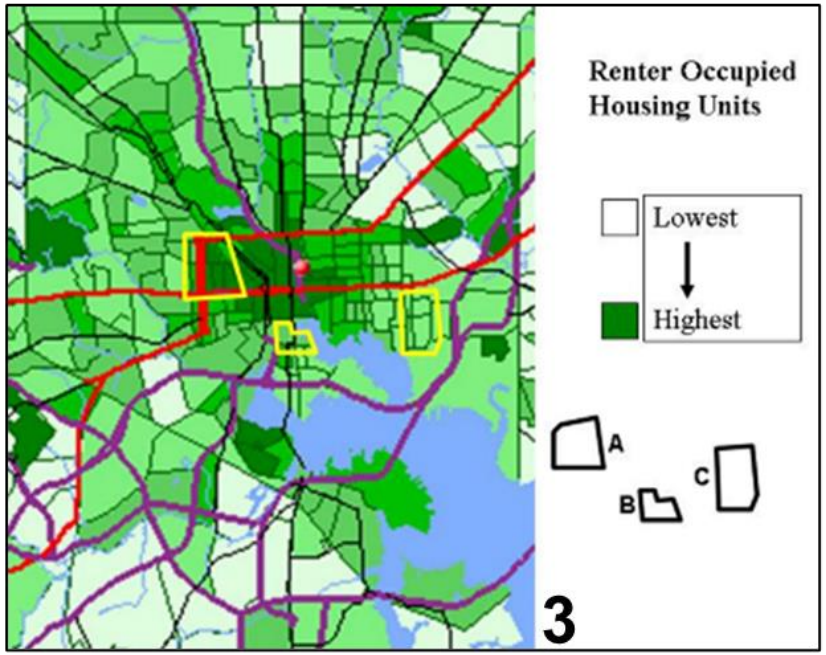
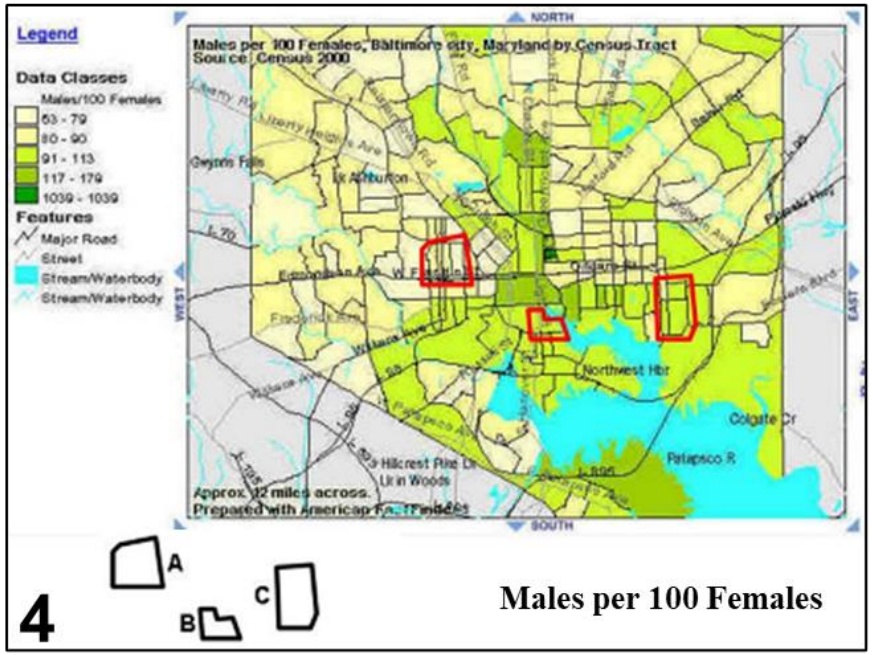
Data Classes
Percent
2.4 - 8.5
8.5 - 14.3
14.7 - 23.7
24.5 - 37.5
40.5 - 56.8
Features
Major Road
Street
Stream/Waterbody
Stream/Waterbody
Percent of Housing Units Vacant, Baltimore city, Maryland by Census Tract
Source: Census 2000
NORTH
SOUTH
WEST
EAST
Gwynns Falls
Lk Ashburton
Northwest Hbr
Colgate Cr
Patapsco R
Approx. 12 miles across.
A
B
C
2
% Vacant Housing Units


Percent Black
Lowest
Highest
A
B
C
5


Renter Occupied Housing Units
Lowest
Highest
A
B
C
3


Legend
Data Classes
Males/100 Females
53 - 79
80 - 90
91 - 113
117 - 179
1039 - 1039
Features
Major Road
Street
Stream/Waterbody
Stream/Waterbody
Males per 100 Females, Baltimore city, Maryland by Census Tract
Source: Census 2000
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Approx. 12 miles across.
A
B
C
4
Males per 100 Females

Look over your notes, and think about what each area is likely to be like… which one is most likely to be low income, which area is likely to be middle income, and which area is likely to be higher income. After having looked over the maps… you can decide to change how you paired the pictures together.

Part 3. Which of your neighborhood pairs is most likely to be found in Area A, which pair in Area B and which pair in Area C?

1) Area

has Neighborhoods ___ & ___
   - Why do these pictures most likely go in this part of city?

2) Area

has Neighborhoods ___ & ___
   - Why do these pictures most likely go in this part of city?

3) Area

has Neighborhoods ___ & ___
   - Why do these pictures most likely go in this part of city?

   - Why? For each, give a brief explanation why you paired the Neighborhoods together and why you think they go in the Area of the city you chose.

NOTE: This is all the information that you need to submit for this assignment!

Submit your answers in Blackboard. These are essay questions that I will grade manually.