

LESSON OVERVIEW

NOTION : Places and Forms of Power

TOPIC : The Power Of Detroit, 4 Perspectives

ISSUE : What is the power and influence of the city?

OUTLINE

1 - Urban Decay - The Decline of Detroit

Then and Now - Consequences of a major economic and demographic decline

(A ghost town : abandoned buildings, empty houses, poverty)

2 - Detroit's musical influence

a - Many music styles invented or perfected in Detroit (soul +R & B, rap, punk rock, techno)

b - A rap artist's description of the city (Danny Brown's song "Field")

(squalor, hopelessness, abandonment, violence)

3 - Detroit's industrial power

Diego Rivera (Painter) depicts worker in car factories (machines versus humans, black and white blue-collar workers working together)

4 - Racial Tensions

a - Detroit Riots in 1967

b - Consequences - Demographic divide between "White Detroit" and "Black Detroit"

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