Task: Visit the following websites below and answer the questions that follow. If you critically analyze these websites you will be significantly prepared to complete part one of the Final Project. By the end of this webquest you should be able to explain the history of this city and the nature of some of the problems that it faces.

History of Detroit

1. Visit the City of Detroit’s page describing the history of their city:
2. <http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Find-Detroit-Archives/Detroit-History>
	1. What are the two things that Detroit claims their city is famous for?
	2. What are the three areas of Detroit that the page highlights as areas of ‘racial diversity?’

Why do you think Detroit chooses to highlight these regions?

* 1. Prior to becoming the Motor City, what was Detroit known for producing?
	2. Who founded Motown? (google this individual and explain ‘that Motown sound’)
	3. How does this website end their description of the history of Detroit?
1. Visit the Detroit Historical Society’s website: <http://detroithistorical.org/>
	1. Click on Building Detroit and then the Timeline of Detroit –
		1. Who were the first people to live in Michigan? What happened to these people from 1650-1700?
		2. Who first settled the region that is now Detroit? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		3. Who is Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac?
		4. What is Detroit’s Population in 1720? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		5. What war ensured that Detroit would switch from French to British control?
		6. How much does the US government pay for southeastern Michigan?
		7. In 1827 the city of Detroit adopts a city seal and a motto. Describe both?
		8. When is the first race riot in Detroit? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		9. When is Detroit first Skyscraper built?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		10. What factors led to Detroit’s rapid growth?

\*when does this timeline end? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Finish the rest of the webquest and if you have time you can return to this page and try to successfully play the game “Building Detroit”

Demographics and Culture of Detroit

1. Examine the US Census Bureau to determine some key Demographic data.

[https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045216/2622000,26](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045216/2622000%2C26)

1. What is the Population of Detroit as of 2012? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the primary ethnic group living in Detroit as of 2010? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Examine the education level of Detroit citizens, what observations can you make?
4. What is the median value of a house in Detroit? Compare this to the rest of Michigan? What do you think there is such a significant difference?
5. Compare Median Household income and the number of people below the poverty line for both Detroit and Michigan. What do you observe?
6. Examine the Population Projections to 2060 by Selected Age Groups and Sex. What type of projection is being made and what do you think about this projection?
7. Examine these statistical tables: <http://historydetroit.com/statistics/index.php?era=4>
8. How has the population of Detroit changed from 1810 – 2000? List some trends you noticed
9. During what years did African Americans start to become a much larger percent of the total population of Detroit? What information that we have studied can explain this trend?

Economic conditions in Detroit

1. Visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.mi_detroit_md.htm>
	1. In a 5 month period how did unemployment change in Detroit?
	2. Are there any types of economic activities that have seen significant growth over the last five months?
	3. How has the Consumer Price Index changed over the last 3 quarters?
	4. Can you make any projections based on these statistics?

Public Services and Politics

1. Examine the economic characteristics of Detroit to determine how people commute to work:

<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>

1. Summarize: Causes of Detroit’s decline

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/08/17/us/detroit-decline.html?_r=0>

Visit [http://content.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1882089,00.html](http://content.time.com/time/photogallery/0%2C29307%2C1882089%2C00.html)

“Detroit’s Beautiful, Horrible Decline” a Photo Essay by Yves Marchand and Romain Meffre

**Answer after viewing the complete photo essay:**

1. How do the artists represent urban decay in Detroit?
2. Why do you think the artists chose Detroit as the focus of their work?

Get inspired…. Watch the awesome superbowl ad at the end of this article and get inspired for your project.

<http://www.worldpopulationstatistics.com/detroit-population-2013/>