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Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans: An income and color-blind disaster?

Read this article on the Black resident experience in New Orleans following Katrina: <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/23/magazine/why-new-orleans-black-residents-are-still-under-water-after-katrina.html? r=0</u>

1. How did the population and political power in New Orleans change after Katrina?

2. Who is Alden J. McDonald Jr.? His father? How might the life of his father's generation be connected to the outcome of Katrina?

3. How did Liberty Bank respond to Katrina's devastation?

4. What made it possible for Lakeview to be rebuilt but not the eastern half of the city?

Now finally read this article on the end of public housing in New Orleans: https://www.thenation.com/article/requiem-bricks/

5. What were the "Bricks"?

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6. How is the demolition of Iberville an example of the "shock doctrine"? What was the goal of redevelopment projects and why were they criticized as unnecessary?

7. What factors make it unlikely for low-income tenants – predominantly African American – to return to replacement developments?