



CHECK OUT THE PAPER!

Newspapers are a great source for finding out what kind of housing you have in your area. And housing tells a great deal about the lifestyles of people. Real estate advertising, news stories and photographs all tell readers something about the housing in an area. Look through the paper and do the following activities:

- 1 Find the real estate advertising section in your paper and make a graph showing the range of prices for homes. What is the highest price you found? What is the lowest?
- 2 Figure out what determines how much a house costs. Make a list and number the different reasons in order of importance.
- 3 Homelessness is a growing problem in this country. Write a letter to the editor of the paper to show how you would deal with it.
- 4 Write a real-estate ad for the house of your dreams. Make sure you list where it would be, how big it would be, what features it would have, how much land it would include. Draw a picture of your dream house.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Where You Live Means a Lot

Where you live affects where kids go to school, what kind of home you have, what public services you get. Take a look at your neighborhood and answer the following questions by circling your answers:

■ Does your family own or rent your home?	We Rent	We Own	
■ Is your neighborhood racially integrated?	Yes	Somewhat No	
■ Who lives near you? (circle all that apply)	Whites Asians	African-Americans Hispanics Others	
■ How often does garbage get picked up at your curb?	Weekly	Bi-weekly	Bi-Monthly
■ How quickly do street lights or potholes get repaired?	Quickly	Not Quickly	Never

Compare your answers with other members of your class. What conclusions can you make about the housing experiences of your class? What are the similarities among students? What differences exist?

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Housing Divided or United?

Martin Luther King Jr. considered integrated housing to be an important goal. Make a list of what you believe to be the advantages and disadvantages of living in a mixed race neighborhood.

ADVANTAGES

DISADVANTAGES

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

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- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Get a map of your city, town or county that shows all the streets and neighborhoods. From your own knowledge, or by using local resources, color the areas that are mostly...

- African-American with Orange
- White with Purple
- Asian with Red
- Hispanic with Green
- Mixed race with Blue



* If your community has a large ethnic group not listed here, choose a color for it.

1830 Rise of slave revolts prompts restrictions on education, particularly in the South.

1832 Nat Turner and five other slaves revolt in Virginia. Turner captured and hanged.

William Lloyd Garrison begins publishing the *Liberator* in Boston, MA.

1836 John B. Russwurm becomes governor of a colony of emigrant black Americans in Liberia.

1838 Pennsylvania takes away voting rights of blacks.



1841 Frederick Douglass successfully campaigns in Rhode Island against the Dorr Constitution, which would repeal black voting right.

1842 First fugitive slave case involving George Latimore, an escaped slave, in Boston, Massachusetts. Abolitionists purchase Latimore's freedom.

1843 Sojourner Truth begins abolitionist work; William Wells Brown begins anti-slavery lectures.

1845 Frederick Douglass publishes "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass".



1847 Dred Scott files suit for his freedom in St. Louis, MO, testing Missouri Compromise.

New Jersey takes away black voting rights.

1848 Frederick Douglass speaks to women's rights meeting in Seneca Falls, NY.

Henry "Box" Brown escapes to freedom by climbing into a box and shipping himself to Philadelphia.

1849 Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery in Maryland.

Benjamin Roberts files first integration suit on behalf of daughter who is denied admission to a Boston school.

