

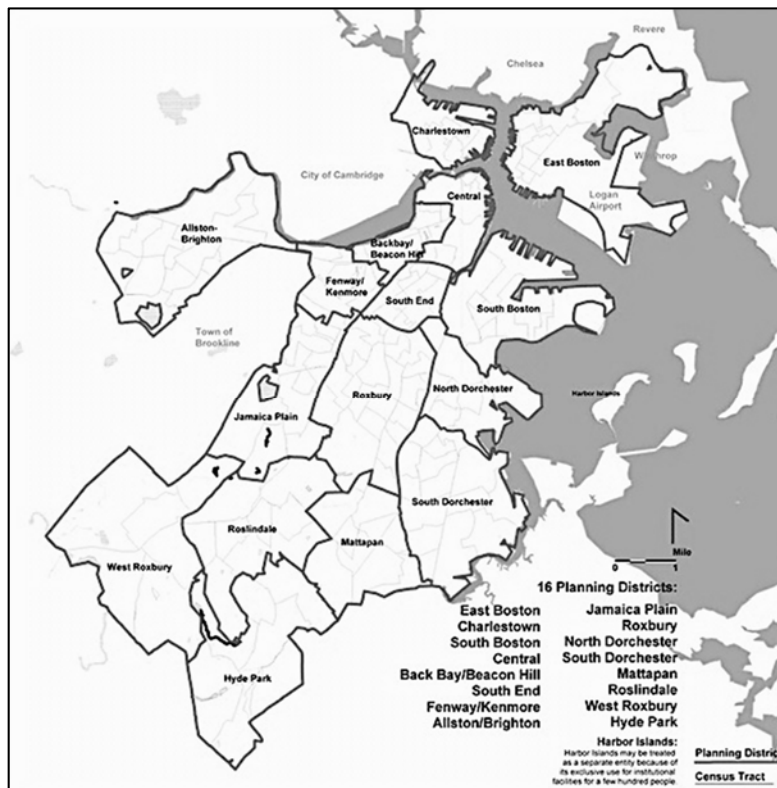
## Writing Essay 3 - HST 200

### Mapping Data: Creating and Interpreting Historical Maps

*Note: some of the information in this packet is in color. Please be sure to look at it on your computer.*

Your tasks in this assignment are:

1. To report 1950 and 1970 statistics on Boston's non-white populations in a visual format - by mapping it. The census bureau collected this data by surveying Boston's 16 Cultural Planning Districts. The Boston Redevelopment Authority created these districts in order to plan "and develop activities of the city." Socio-economic data for Boston neighborhoods "are presented based on this geographic frame."<sup>1</sup> The map below depicts the Cultural Planning Districts.<sup>2</sup>

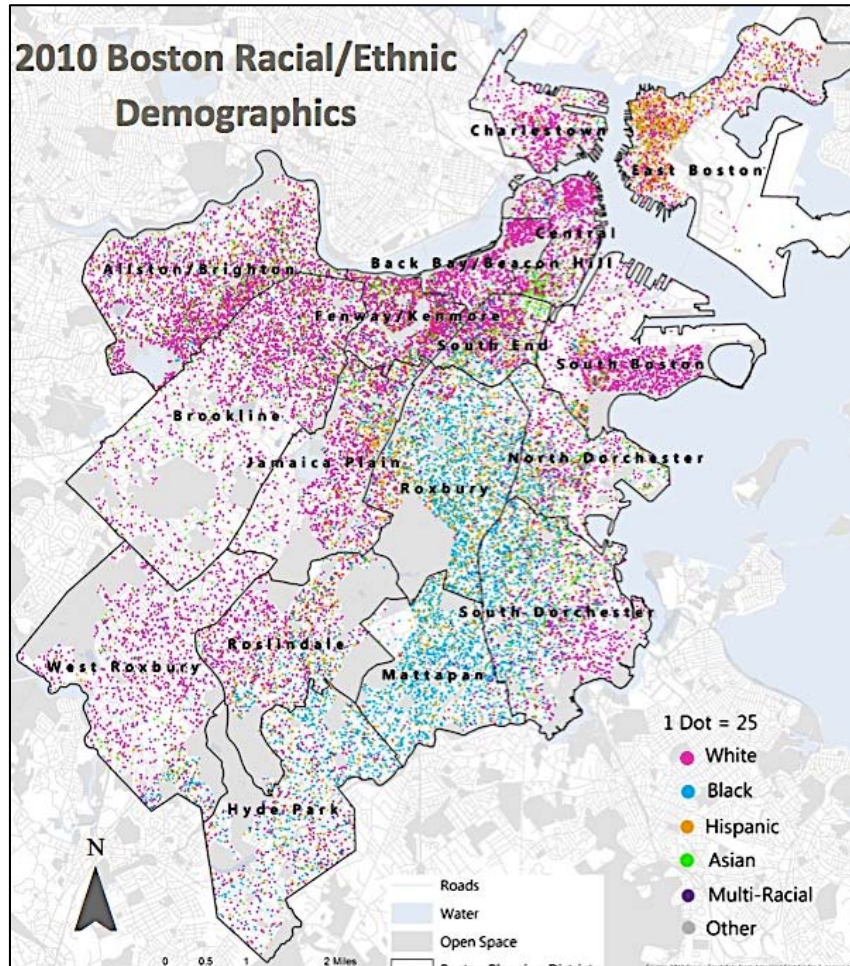


In this packet you will find census data for 1950 and 1970. You will use this data to create two maps, one for 1950 and 1970. You may have to express the statistics as percentages. If you need help calculating percentages, I recommend that you make an appointment with a math tutor in the Center for Learning and Academics, located in the library.

<sup>1</sup> "Boston Planning Districts," Boston Studies Group. <http://www.bostonstudies.com/bostons-planning-districts.html>. Accessed October 22, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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2. Once you create your two maps, please:

<sup>3</sup> Paige Haines Colton, “Racial and Demographics in Boston Since 1974 Desegregation/Busing,” Tufts University. [http://sites.tufts.edu/gis/files/2013/11/Colton\\_Paige.pdf](http://sites.tufts.edu/gis/files/2013/11/Colton_Paige.pdf). Accessed October 21, 2014.

- a. Compare the data on both maps. Notice what remained the same over the 20-year period and what changed.
  - b. Identify one or two important changes in the racial composition of Boston's Cultural Planning Districts in the period from 1950 to 1970.
  - c. Hypothesize about how these changes may have shaped arguments for and against busing as a method of integrating schools.
3. Write a one-page, double-spaced essay that reports out your findings, analysis of the findings and hypothesis.

**Attached please find:**

1. Statistical data for 1950 and 1970
2. Two blank maps – one for 1950 and another for 1970. You will use these to report out the statistical data.

## **Statistical Data<sup>4</sup>**

**Please work with the data included in the columns labeled:**

- 1950 Non-White
- 1970 Non-White

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<sup>4</sup> Mary Tompkins for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, "1950-1960-1970 Non-White Population by Planning District in the City of Boston," Folder No 50 (Busing – Boston population statistics 1970 -1973) Congressman John Joseph Moakley Papers. Collection #: MS 100/04. Series No. 4: District Issues. Box No. 5. Contents: BR-BU. Suffolk University Archives, Boston, MA.

**Please note:**

The area identified as ‘Model City’ is Roxbury.

Boston’s Model City Program (1967-1977) originated in federal legislation enacted in 1966.<sup>5</sup> Congress sought to improve the lives of urban people by “concentrate[ing] public and private resources for a five-year period on experimental projects attacking . . . problems in poor and neglected neighborhoods of participating cities.”<sup>6</sup>

To learn more about Boston’s Model City Program, see BRA, “Preliminary neighborhood profile: Washington park - model cities. (draft) (1974),” Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/details/preliminaryneigh00bost2>.

1950 - 1960 - 1970 NON-WHITE POPULATION BY PLANNING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

	↓ 1950 Non-White	Absolute Change 1960-60	1960 Non-White	Absolute Change 1960-70	↓ 1970 Non-White
East Boston	75	- 4	71	+ 371	442
Charlestown	410	- 293	117	+ 102	219
South Boston	64	+ 58	122	+ 551	673
Central	1,778	+ 261	2,039	- 288	1,751
Back Bay, Beacon Hill	364	+ 184	548	+ 519	1,067
South End	18,486	- 3,901	14,585	- 2,636	11,949
Fenway-Kenmore	1,118	+ 1,881	2,999	- 13	2,986
Allston-Brighton	384	+ 206	590	+ 2,056	2,646
Jamaica Plain-Parker Hill	546	+ 2,134	2,680	+ 4,948	7,628
Washington Park - Model City	18,811	+22,637	41,448	+12,680	54,128
Washington Park	8,823	+ 9,162	17,985	+ 591	18,576
Campus High	5,145	- 2,082	3,063	- 1,619	1,444
Model Cities	4,843	+15,557	20,400	+13,708	34,108
Dorchester	378	+ 1,540	1,918	+29,168	31,086
Dorchester 1	77	+ 1,013	1,090	+ 3,146	4,236
Dorchester 2	136	+ 219	355	+ 7,388	7,743
Mattapan	165	+ 308	473	+18,634	19,107
Roslindale	148	+ 251	399	+ 628	1,027
West Roxbury	14	+ 47	61	+ 168	229
Hyde Park	53	+ 55	108	+ 134	242
Planning District Totals	42,629	+25,054	67,685	+48,388	116,073
Harbor Islands	115		198		261
Crews of Vessels	-		621		-
City Total	42,744	+25,730	68,504	+47,830	116,334

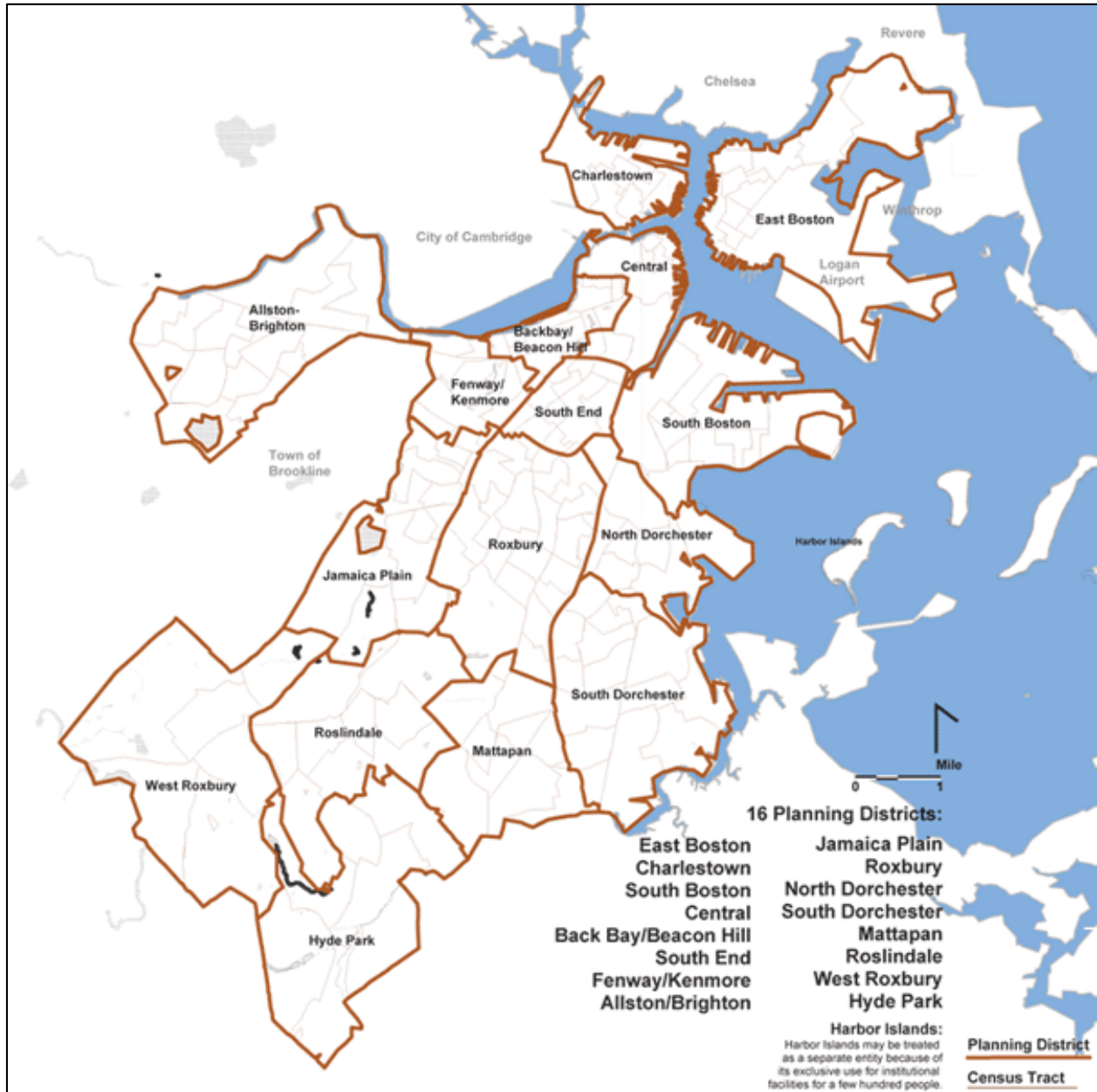
Source: 1950 and 1960 Censuses of Population and Housing; 1970 Census of Population and Housing First Count Summary Tape; Tabulation prepared by Mary Tompkins, BRA, Research Department.

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<sup>5</sup> Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966

<sup>6</sup> Boston City Archive, “Archives Guide ~ Model Cities Administration (8100).” City of Boston. <http://www.cityofboston.gov/archivesandrecords/guide/mca.asp>. Accessed October 27, 2014.

# Boston Cultural Planning Districts: 1950



# Boston Cultural Planning Districts: 1970

