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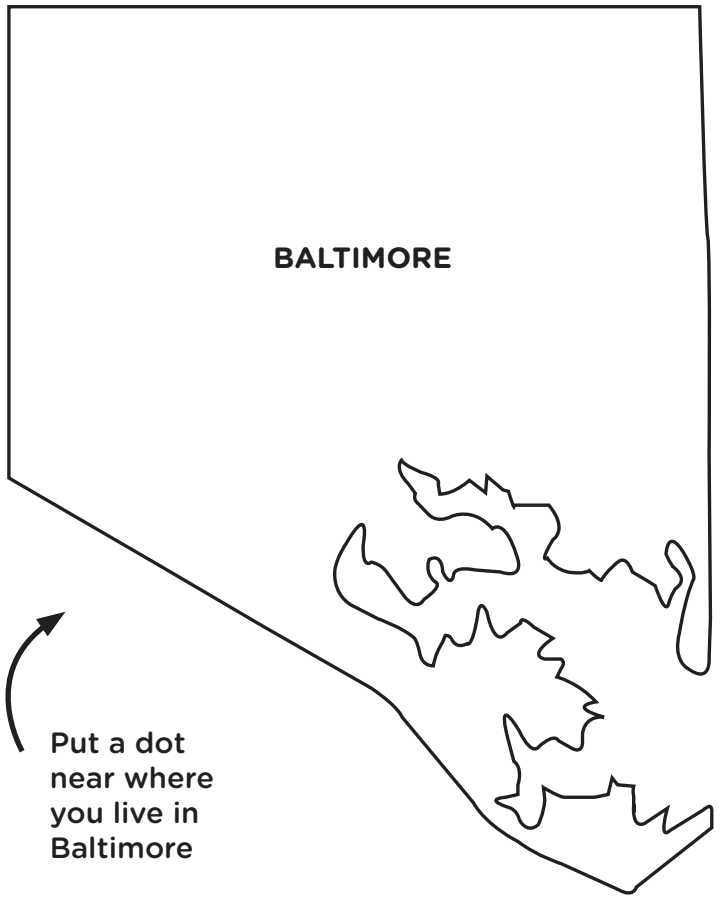
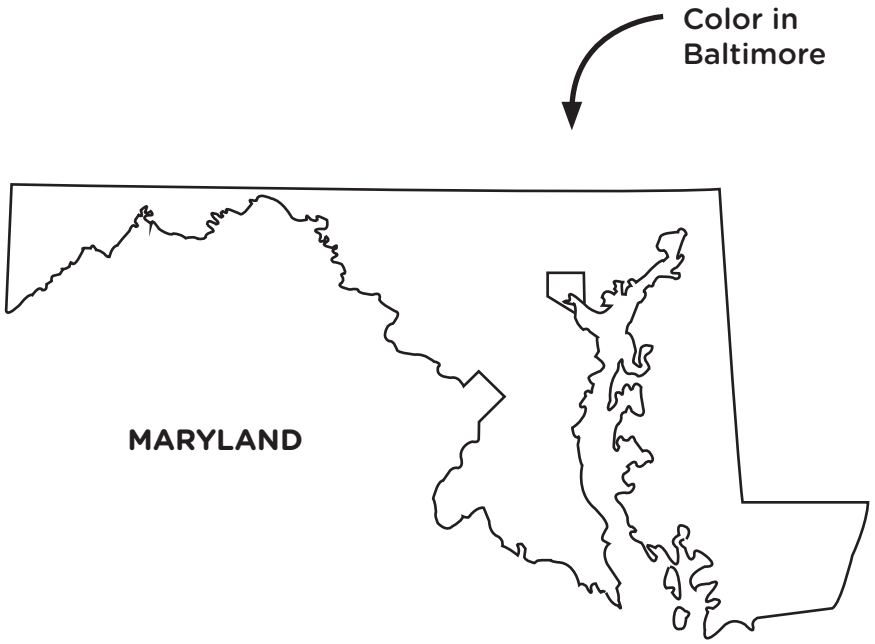
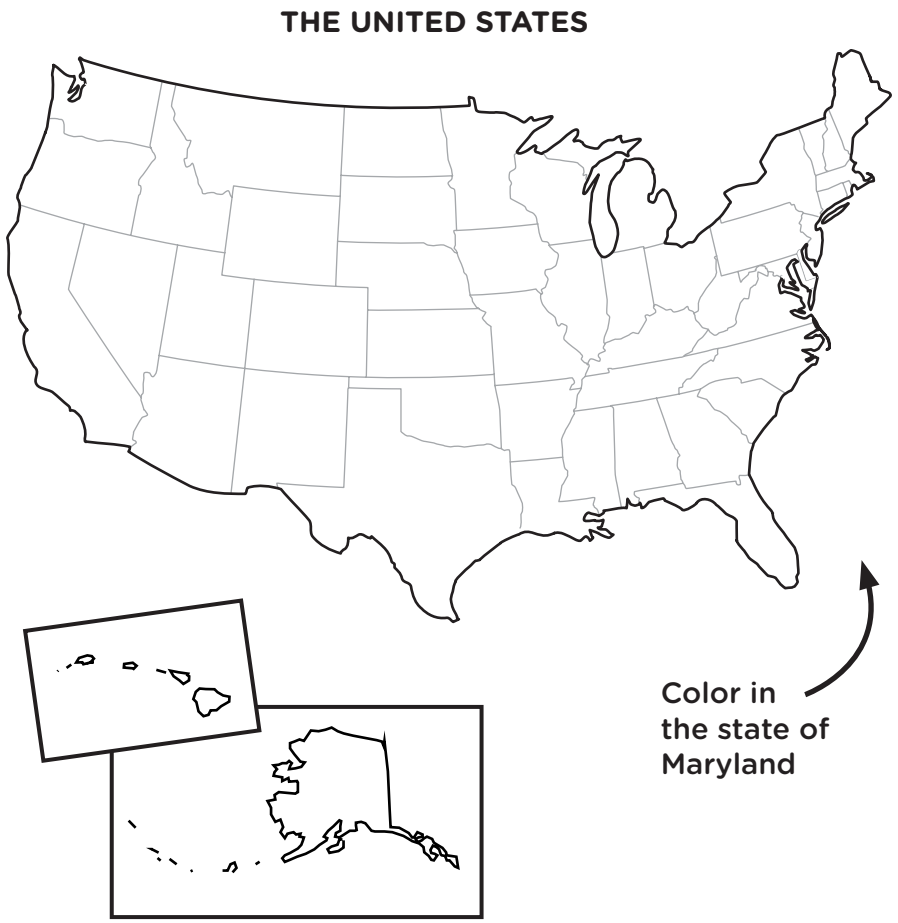


Baltimore is a **city** in Maryland.



Maryland is a **state** in the United States.



Every city is unique, but they have basic things in common. All cities have people. Cities have houses for people to live in and places for them to work and play. Cities should also be healthy and safe and have different ways to travel from place to place.

Let's take a closer look at Baltimore.

1. People

Vocabulary

Population
Citizen
Urban
Suburban
Census
Decade
Immigrant
Refugee
Diverse
Segregated

UNIT ONE

People

Cities should be built with people in mind. Can you imagine a city without people in it? People make cities like Baltimore come alive.

How would you describe the people living in Baltimore to someone who has never been here before?

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Population

Population is the number of **citizens**, or people living in a place. Some places are **urban** and have many people living close together. Other places are **suburban** and have fewer people living far apart.

draw 20 circles here

Urban

draw 5 circles here

Suburban

What kind of area do you live in, urban or suburban?

Census

How do we know how many people live in Baltimore? A **census** is mailed to every home every **decade**, or 10 years. The census finds out how many people live in the United States.

The last census was in 2010. When will the next census be? How old will you be?

How many people do you think live in Baltimore? Turn the page to find out!

Population Growth

This graph shows how many people were living in Baltimore during each decade.

Which decade had the largest population?

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What happens to the population after that decade?

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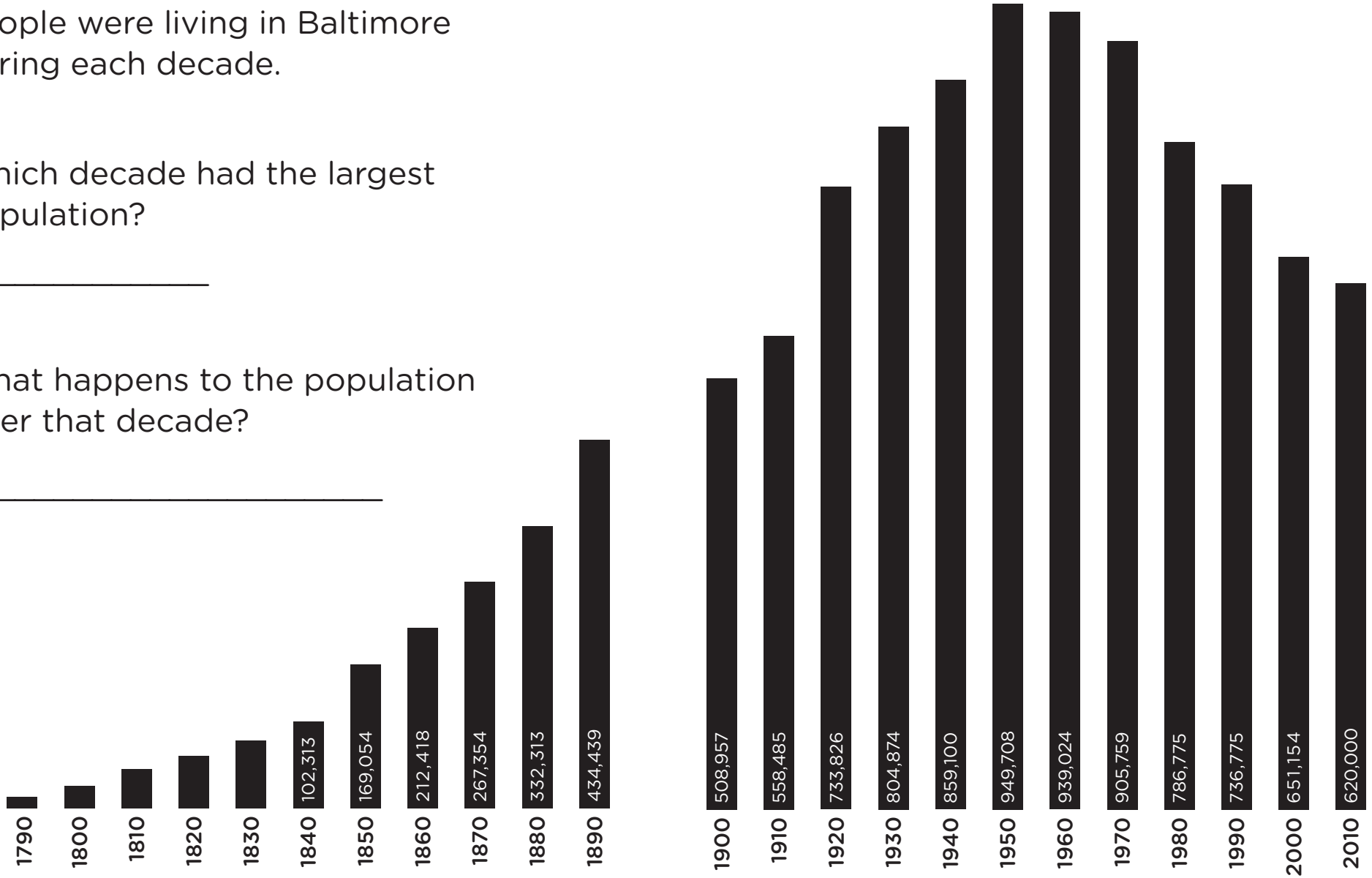
Why do you think the population decreased in 1960? Turn to page 34 to find out!



Baltimore Today

Refugees and Immigrants in Baltimore

People from other countries often come to Baltimore for safety, family, or jobs.

Immigrants are people who move from one country to another. **Refugees** are people who move to escape violence in other countries.

Why is it important for Baltimore to be welcoming to refugees and immigrants?

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Spotlight On

Soccer Without Borders

Soccer Without Borders (SWB) is a program for youth who are refugees in Baltimore. Participants in SWB speak 22 languages and come from 44 countries.

As part of SWB, youth play soccer and get help learning English.

Middle school students in Soccer Without Borders.

Diversity

When different races and ethnicities live together, the community is **diverse.**

When different races and ethnicities are separated, the community is **segregated**.

Is your neighborhood diverse or segregated? Why?

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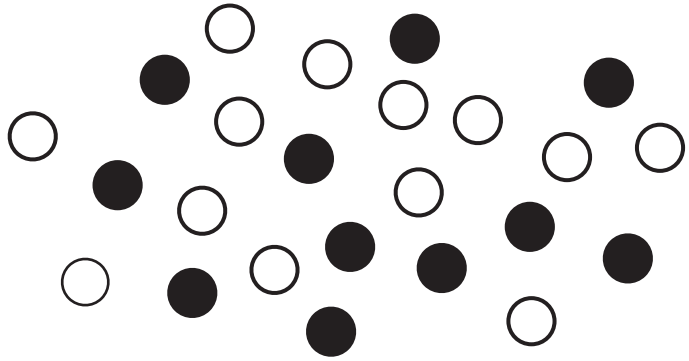
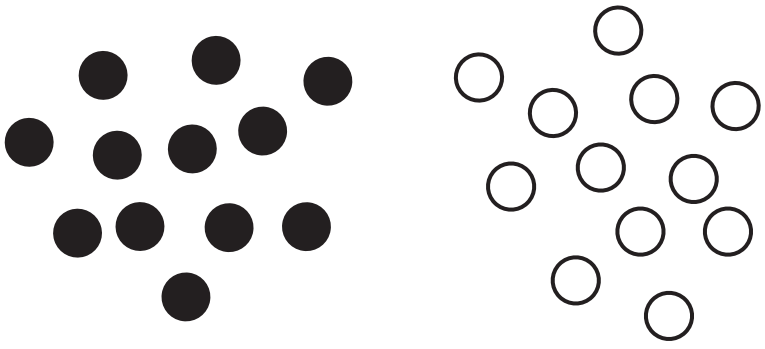


Diverse

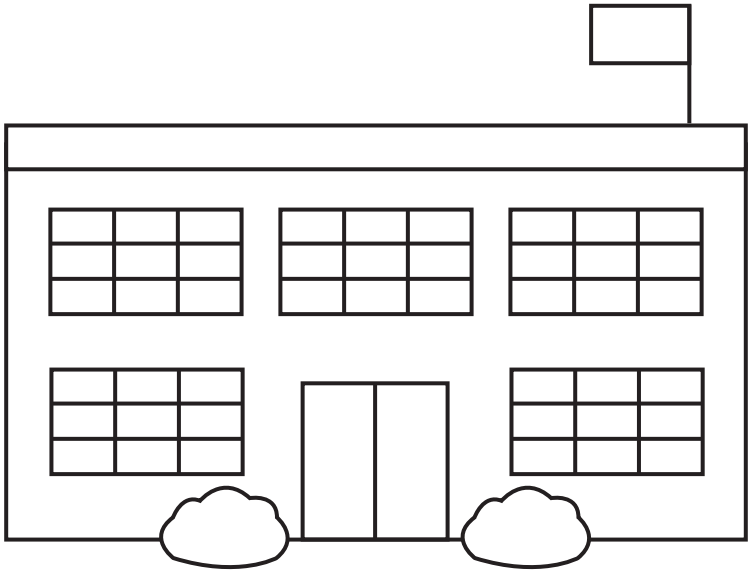


Segregated

Desegregating Poly

Did you know that Baltimore used to make black students go to separate schools from white students?

In 1952, a group of Baltimore organizations changed the rule to allow black boys to attend Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.



In 1954, the Supreme Court ordered the desegregation of all public schools in the United States through *Brown v. Board of Education.*

Even though the law lets black and white students go to the same school now, they are often still separate.

Is your school diverse? Why or why not?

Read's Drugstore

In the 1950s, places to eat in Baltimore were segregated. Students from Morgan State University decided to do something to change this. They protested by sitting at the lunch counter of Read's drugstore and refusing to leave.

This sit-in inspired other college students to fight to desegregate places in their own cities.

A sit-in in Richmond, Virginia

How did the students from Morgan State University make a difference in their community?

HOME
VISITORS
DOWN
DTR