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## Blockbusting: Social and Economic Change through Real Estate

<p><b>Directions:</b> During the 1950s and 1960s, many urban neighborhoods throughout the United States experienced massive demographic shifts that drastically changed their racial and ethnic make-up. Edmondson Village in Baltimore was one such neighborhood. As a result of blockbusting and other questionable real estate practices, the neighborhood changed from all white in 1950 to nearly all black by 1970. While the Fair Housing Act of 1968 outlawed blockbusting as a discriminatory procedure, the question remains – were the changes to these neighborhoods such as Edmondson Village good or bad for the residents who moved in? With this exercise, you will be examining this question. Before reading, state your belief or position about the topic by selecting one of the two statements supplied by the teacher. Restate your position in the form of a question and write it in the space labeled question. As you read, use this question to guide your reading and thinking about the topic. Take notes on (1) facts that support your position, (2) facts that refute, or do not support your position as you read the documents, and (3) the reliability of the sources. When you have finished reading, review your notes and write your conclusion. The conclusion should answer your question and may or may not support your original statement.</p>			
<p><b>Statements: Circle the one you most agree with.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The short term changes wrought by blockbusting will be greater than the long term changes.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The long term changes wrought by blockbusting will be greater than the short term changes.</p>			
<p><b>Question: Restate your statement in the form of a question.</b></p>			
Source	Facts That Support My Position Statement	Facts That Refute My Position Statement	
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Doc. B  _____			

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**Conclusion: Use this space to answer your question from above. \*NOTE\* Your conclusion need not support your original statement.**