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Visit to the BHS – Group Discussion Questions

**Group 1: Real Estate -** Maps: Lefferts, Blythebourne

Key questions:

* + Who made this map? Why?
  + What are the notable physical characteristics of this map?
  + how were these new developments being sold? Analyze rhetoric of ads
  + To what extent are future utopias defined against present-day ills? what particular shapes do these utopian developments take (and promise?)
  + based on what you see here, what would you expect life to be like here? Why would you want to live here?

**Group 2: Sewers/Infrastructure** - Maps:  Sewer Map, Yellow fever map

Key questions:

* + Who made this map? Why?
  + What are the notable physical characteristics of this map?Analyze the sewer infrastructure in these maps
  + What kinds of visual information can you see presented here?
  + What functions is this map performing (ie., diagrams of sewers, legal deeds, etc.)

**Group 3: Race/Disease** - Maps: Slum Clearance Atlas

Key questions:

* + Who made this map? Why?
  + What are the notable physical characteristics of this map?
  + Look through the whole atlas and choose 3-4 maps to look at carefully.
  + Analyze the rhetoric of the maps. What do they say? What do they show without saying?
  + Try to make connections between multiple maps
  + What areas seem to be particularly troubled? How/Why?

**Group 4: Urban Planning** - Maps: 1969 Urban Planning Atlas

Key questions:

* + Who made this map? Why?
  + What are the notable physical characteristics of this map?How is the future of NYC being framed in this document?
  + How would you compare the text of the atlas to the maps?
  + Compare multiple maps within the atlas. What connections/differences do you see between them?