

## Week 8 Prompt

### Industrialization, Deindustrialization, and Postindustrial Cities

We will cover the Economic Geography chapter for two weeks. You should read most, or all of the chapter (ch. 9) this week. Next week, the prompt will address the environmental aspects of economic geography.

As manufacturing ([secondary industry](#)) moves out of the United States and other developed countries and into other less developed or developing countries, lots of interesting transformations occur in the cities and regions that gain or lose the jobs and infrastructure that go along with manufacturing. **Your task is to choose one location that has changed drastically because of the loss *or* gain of manufacturing and share two resources with the class that either (1) show what manufacturing looks like in that location or (2) show how the city or region has changed due to the gain or loss of manufacturing. The resources can be videos, articles, pictures, etc., but they must be something you can embed or provide a link to, so that your classmates can also check out the resources. Active links are highly preferred.**

Some examples of locations you might choose are: Detroit, Pittsburgh, El Paso/Juarez, any country with an [export processing zone \(EPZ\)](#) or any country with lawful or unlawful child labor in manufacturing (the list is long). If you want to be more creative, ask yourself where a random product is manufactured, and see if you can find specific locations (cities or factories) through internet research. You may be able to use some of the resources you found for assignment four, if they overlap with the requirements of this prompt.

**Your post is only required to be 200 words long, but you must: (1) include links to your two resources (2) summarize the resources you found and (3) explain how the city/country you have chosen has transformed over time and give at least a rough idea of when the transformation occurred or started (for example, "the 1990s" or "after World War II" or "after three major auto companies opened plants there in 2002-2004").**

There are interesting stories to be found due to the extreme changes the gain or loss of economic activity can bring to a place. For example, if you watched *Black Gold*, you know that Africa's share of world trade is about 1%, and that if it increased to just 2% - for that huge area (over 50 countries) and population - it would lead to vast improvements in some areas. Many sub-Saharan African countries went through significant economic change in the 1990s and later as changes to world trade restructured some of their manufacturing out of existence. Also, if you have heard about changes in Detroit but haven't learned much about it yet, this article on BuzzFeed is a fun place to start: [Why I Bought a House in Detroit for \\$500](#) (the image featured here is the \$500 home from the article).

