Dream of a Nation
Ending Poverty and Building Common Wealth

Infographic
1. What patterns and demographic trends appear to be systemic in American society?
2. What factors are considered when determining the nation poverty line? Are those factors all encompassing?

Ending Poverty in America
1. How is the social psychological relationship between self and society determined through economic situation?
2. How do contemporary societal values regarding economic consumption and socioeconomic status attainment particularly affect people living in poverty?

Ending Homelessness: A Dream with a Plan
3. How does homelessness serve to illustrate the patterning of social inequality by class, race-ethnicity, and gender?
4. How would the homeless be integral to Piven and Cloward's revolutionary idea of establishing a guaranteed income, as stated in their 1966 article, *The Weight of the Poor: A Strategy to End Poverty*?

.7% of Wealth
5. What are the underlying inequalities in exchange transactions which create global economic stratification?
6. How does Pierre Bourdieu's analysis of class culture's responsiveness to material and nonmaterial resources serve to reinforce global societal stratification?

Building Prosperity From the Ground Up
7. How does the Hunger Project's assertion, that women are key agents of change in their communities, support or refute Dorothy Smith's Standpoint Theory?
8. How does the Hunger Project's research on women's general tendency to support their children and families compare to Dorothy Dinnerstein's perspective on gender differences due to differing biological roles in the reproduction of human life?

Post-Reading Questions

9. Using Anthony Giddens' structuration theory, reflect on what intentional activities an individual can take to alter the already-existing structural rules and resources in society.
10. In Walter Buckley's morphogenic open systems theory, cultural patterns and social relations are destroyed or reinforced through behaviors. What novel and innovative behaviors could potentially work to alleviate poverty?