

Name: _____

Is it hard to find housing in Montréal?

I think the housing situation in Montréal...
(Write your hypothesis below.)

How do you explain this situation? What factors do you think influence the housing situation in Montréal?

COMPUTER WORK

Characteristics of Montréal based on maps, statistics and photos

To answer the following questions, observe and analyze the tables or maps mentioned below *only*. They are found on the following website:

www.recitus.qc.ca/html/tache_geo/montreal_seloger/statistique.htm

Canadian population of census metropolitan regions (2001 census boundaries)

- Which metropolitan areas had a population of over 1 million people in 2005?

- Compared to the other metropolitan areas in this table, is Montréal a very populated city? Explain your answer.

Population density* map of Montréal

**Density: Number of inhabitants per square kilometre*

- Which boroughs have the highest population density?

- Why do certain areas have a low population density?

Vacancy rates* in Montréal (rental market)

**Vacancy rate: Percentage of housing units that are unoccupied or not rented in a given territory*

- What do you notice about the vacancy rate in Montréal since 1998?

- What connection do you see between the population of Montréal and the vacancy rate?

Map of wholesale trade*

**Wholesale: Selling of goods in large quantities, usually for resale to consumers*

- Where is wholesale trade concentrated on the Island of Montréal?

- What connection do you see between the population of Montréal (residents) and the presence of businesses on the Island of Montréal?

Use of cars to get to work on the Island of Montréal

- Why are the people who live in Montréal's surrounding areas more likely to use their cars to get to work?

- How are Montréal's surrounding areas designated on this map?

- Why is the downtown area blue and beige on this map?

Photo of Montréal

- Which part of Montréal (where and what) is featured in this photo?

- What type of activity is concentrated in this part of the city?

Map of locations of food and accommodation services and of where their workers live in the Montréal urban agglomeration

- Where are food and accommodation services concentrated on the Island of Montréal?

- Are these establishments intended for Montrealers only? If not, who else will make use of these services?

Montréal International Jazz Festival photo

- Are the people participating and attending this show only Montrealers? Explain your answer.

- Other events in Montréal attract an international audience. Name a few of them.

Statistics: Culture

- Is there a hip neighbourhood (borough) in Montréal that is renowned throughout North America? If so, name it.

Statistics: Gastronomy

- Is Montréal known internationally for its gourmet cuisine (restaurants)? What are the consequences of this renown?

Given what you have observed and analyzed...

Montréal is:

Class definition of **metropolis**:

Examples of other world metropolises:

Expert definition of metropolis:

Now that you are aware of the main characteristics of a metropolis:

↳ **How are these characteristics related (or not related) to the housing situation in Montréal? Do you still stand by your original hypothesis on the housing situation in Montréal? Why or why not?**
