Chicago’s Disappearing Koreatown

Big Understanding: Cities constantly change their structural space and are a part of globalization.
Goal: To analyze the causes and effects for the disappearance of Koreatown.

Analyze this quote with your neighbor:
“A geographical name is an expression of the people’s perception on their places and thus reflects culture and history of the place and people. It is for this reason that it has diverse ranges of cultural, political, and symbolic meaning beyond the name itself. This will be the case particularly when adjacent regions or countries have a long history of competition and conflicts with complex political situations.”
- Professor Choo, Kyung Hee University

Question: Why might toponyms, or geographical naming, be emotional? If possible, provide global, national, and local examples.

Analyze the charts and graphs. What are push and pull reasons for Korean migration in and out of Chicago?

What does it mean for an immigrant group to not have an ethnic enclave?

Evaluate the components that create and ensure the survival of an ethnic enclave, especially when faced with increasing gentrification. (Think ESPEn or SPEEDS)