Choose One of the Following Activities

Create a bulletin board illustrating current census figures concerning the racial makeup of the United States. Highlight a map with graphs and data indicating what parts of the nation are the most racially diverse. Note the percentage of nonwhite peoples in Florida, the Southwest, and large cities like New York, Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles, El Paso, San Antonio, and Chicago.

Contrast life span, incidence of disease, educational aspirations.

After reading House on Mango Street and analyzing the racial makeup information answer how does this information change your thoughts about culture?

Also, after reading the novel and analyzing the information on the chart, readdress our essential questions.

1. What role does our family, culture, and community play in shaping us?
2. How can reading another’s story open our eyes to diversity and prejudice, and also brouden our perspectives.
3. How can a writer use creative writing techniques to express point of view and voice?