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Detective Wall

Objective

Investigate your design challenge to collect more background information and insights. At this point, your goal is NOT to decide what you want to make or design, but rather to get more clarity on the problem you want to solve or the impact you want to have.

Guidelines

1. Act as detectives, investigating and digging up new bits of information on the topic. Look for:
 - Answers to any questions you had during the mind-mapping activity.
 - Evidence of the problem and a need for a solution.
 - The various stakeholders involved.
 - Any solutions to the problem that already exist.
 - Maps and locations relevant to the topic.
 - Inspirational words related to the topic.
2. Consolidate your findings into a few key images and words to create a visual “Detective Wall” showing the “evidence” you’ve gathered on the topic. You can create a virtual collage board using digital images and scan images from magazines or create a physical collage on poster board. Think about how you want to show the connections between the ideas. For example, you could use string to create lines to connect different images, similar to a mind map.
3. Narrow down your thoughts to identify the problem you want to solve or the impact you want to have. Record your decision here:



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Detective Wall Worksheet, continued

Sample Detective Wall

