

AP Human Geography
Unit VII. Cities and Urban Land Use

Key Terms/Concepts to Know

1. Urbanization (definition)
2. Social definitions of urbanization (Louis Wirth: size, density, and social heterogeneity)
3. Physical/legal definition (city, metropolitan area, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs))
4. Site and situation with respect to city location
5. Origin and evolution of cities
6. Colonial cities (gateway cities)
7. Industrial era city
8. Auto-dominated city
9. Borchert and the American city
10. Pull factors of the city (since industrialization)
11. Pull factors for Least Developed Countries (LDC) cities vs. More Developed Countries (MDC) cities
12. The urban hierarchy
13. Rank-size rule & primate cities
14. World cities
15. Linkages between world cities
16. Distribution of world cities
17. Changes in the world's largest cities (1800, 1900, 1950, today)
18. Mega cities (positives/negatives)
19. Mega cities in More Developed Countries (MDCs) vs. Least Developed Countries (LDC)
20. Squatter settlements (different names around the world)
21. Gateway cities
22. Central Place Theory (Christaller)
23. Range and threshold
24. Economic base of settlements
25. Multiplier effect
26. The character and function of an industrial city
27. Role of transportation systems and urban growth
28. Decline of industrial cities in North America and Europe
29. Rise of sunbelt cities
30. Process of deterioration and decline of cities
31. Blockbusting
32. Redlining
33. Filtering
34. Gentrification
35. Changing population pyramids of neighborhoods
36. The Post-industrial city
37. Festival market places and tourism

38. Urban morphology
39. Concentric zone model
40. Sector model
41. Multiple nuclei model
42. Peripheral model
43. Latin American model
44. Street patterns (planned vs. unplanned cities)
45. Impacts of auto dominated cities (environmental & social)
46. Comparing North American and European cities (models)
47. MDC and LDC differences (models)
48. Transit Oriented Development (T.O.D.)
49. Annexation
50. Flag pole annexation
51. Competing municipalities
52. Trend towards regional agencies
53. The city beautiful movement
54. Urban renewal
55. Smart growth
56. New urbanism & mixed-use development
57. Inner city challenges (social, physical, and economic)
58. Suburban challenges
59. Underclass and homelessness
60. Inner city response to challenges (malls, entertainment, residences)
61. Sprawl
62. Bid-rent curve
63. Density gradient
64. Edge cities
65. Counterurbanization
66. Greenbelts
67. Leap-frog development
68. Gated communities
69. Peak Value land Intersection (definition and changing location)
70. Creative class and impact on cities
71. Housing in various parts of a metro area
72. Land use planning that reduces energy use and protects the environment