

Using Land in Different Ways

Cross-Curricular Focus: History/Social Sciences



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An **urban** area is a large city and the places near it. Many people live and work in the same large city. Every state has urban areas. You will find public transportation, like buses, in urban areas. Many of the buildings also have modern designs. There are many things to do and see in the city.

A **suburban** area, also called the suburbs, is located outside a big city, but not very far away. In suburban communities, many people live near where they work. The suburbs do not have the crowds that are in the city. You will find more space between buildings. There are houses and shopping centers in suburban communities.

Name: _____

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What is a rural area like?

2) What is an urban area like?

3) What is a suburban area like?

4) Why do you think most farms are in rural areas?

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There a few homes and buildings, and there's a lot of space between buildings.

2) What is an urban area like?

People live and work in the same city. There is public transportation and building with modern designs. There are a lot of things to do in an urban area.

3) What is a suburban area like?

There is more space between buildings. It is not as crowded as the city. There are houses and shopping malls.

4) Why do you think most farms are in rural areas?

There is more land to grow plants and raise animals.

5) Do you like rural, urban, or suburban areas best? Why? **student's choice**