

Chapter 9

Ranking Urban Centers

Urban Geography 6

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

Defining Urban Areas by Size, Centrality, and Service Availability

• Define: hamlet - _____

• Define: village - _____

• Define: town - _____

• Define: city - _____

• Define: metropolis, and give several examples - _____

• Define: megacity, and give several examples - _____

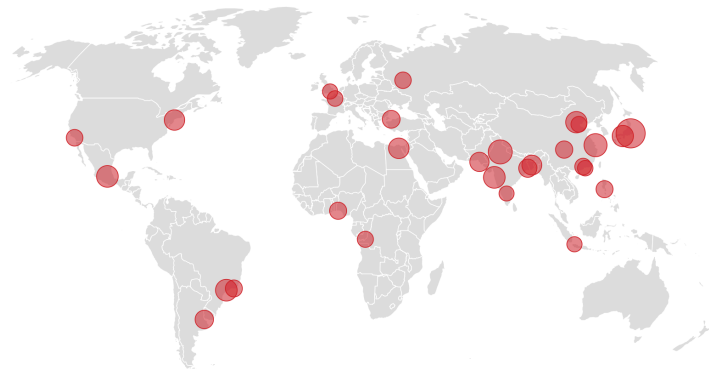
• Where in the world are megacities growing the fastest? Why? - _____

• Define: megalopolis, and give several examples - _____

• Where in the world are megalopolises emerging? Why? - _____

Urbanisation, 2015

GLOBAL CITY POPULATIONS*



1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030
Source: UN

*Dataset comprises urban agglomerations with 300,000 inhabitants or more in 2014. Data are for countries existing in 2014, mapped on modern borders. Projections from 2014.