

# Unit 9

## Ranking Urban Centers

### Urbanization in the Modern World

Fill in the blanks to complete the definition or sentence. Note: All of the following information in addition to your reading is important, not just the blanks you fill in.

#### Ranking Rural Settlements

- To measure the centrality of a settlement, \_\_\_\_\_ is important, but the variety of \_\_\_\_\_ offered there may be more informative.
- At what point is a settlement typically considered urban in the following countries?  
Denmark - \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. - \_\_\_\_\_ Japan - \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ - smallest settlement type; usually constitutes a small community in a \_\_\_\_\_ area with few services, if any; often \_\_\_\_\_ areas that have no local \_\_\_\_\_ or official \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - usually rural, with dozens of \_\_\_\_\_ and even more \_\_\_\_\_; they are normally permanent, with fixed \_\_\_\_\_ that are fairly close to one another, and not scattered broadly over the landscape as a \_\_\_\_\_ settlement.

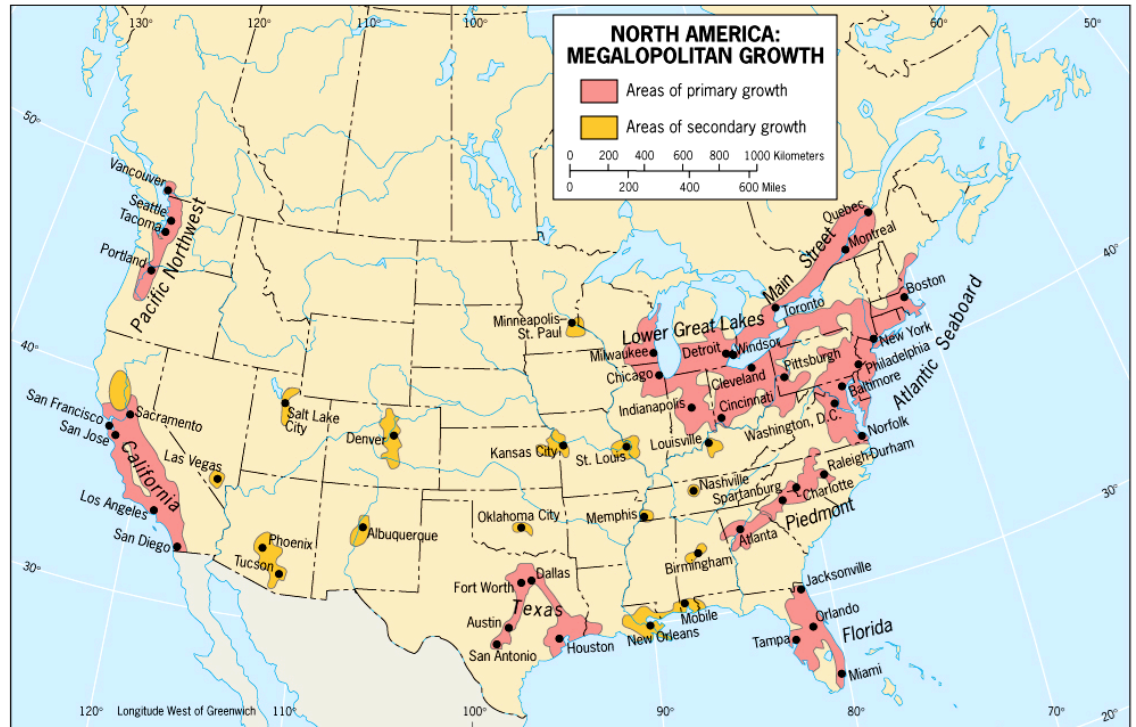
#### Ranking Urban Settlements

- \_\_\_\_\_ - smallest urban settlement; has even more population, services, and specialization. Differ from rural counterparts with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ character; most of its population will derive their living from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and public \_\_\_\_\_ rather than primary activities; they will have a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning "land behind" the city).
- \_\_\_\_\_ - has even greater \_\_\_\_\_ and even more \_\_\_\_\_; possess \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (larger \_\_\_\_\_ areas connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ itself (as settlements increase in size, so does their \_\_\_\_\_, or pull)).
- \_\_\_\_\_ - means "mother city" in Greek; include one or more \_\_\_\_\_ areas, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ cities; a city, or cities, form a \_\_\_\_\_ that other areas have a high degree of \_\_\_\_\_ with; usually combines an urban \_\_\_\_\_ (the contiguous, built-up area), comprised of multiple jurisdictions and municipalities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - usually defined as a metropolitan area with a total population in excess of \_\_\_\_\_ people; also usually refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ metro area.

#### **Top 10 Megacities (in 2011)**

Rank	Megacity	Country	Population	Annual Growth
1		Japan	34,200,000	0.60%
2		China	24,900,000	4.00%
3		South Korea	24,500,000	1.40%
4		India	23,900,000	4.60%
5		India	23,300,000	2.90%
6		Mexico	22,800,000	2.00%
7		USA	22,200,000	0.30%
8		Brazil	20,800,000	1.40%
9		Philippines	20,100,000	2.50%
10		China	18,800,000	2.20%

- \_\_\_\_\_ (conurbation, megaregion, or metroplex) - a chain of roughly adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ areas; interlinked ground \_\_\_\_\_ corridors, such as rail and highway, often aid in their development; most commonly seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
- One of the most well known is “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”, which encompasses many urban areas such as Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.



### Major Megalopolitan Development

- The third largest megalopolis in the world is the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”, a discontinuous corridor of urbanization in \_\_\_\_\_ with a combined population around 110 million people; named either because the flag of the \_\_\_\_\_ is largely blue, or the color refers to the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” industrial workers. List some major cities:
- The second largest megalopolis is along the \_\_\_\_\_ (PRD) in \_\_\_\_\_ with over 120 million people; densely urbanized and a hub of \_\_\_\_\_ growth; \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ rails connect many of the urban regions & it may even coalesce into one giant \_\_\_\_\_. List some major cities:
- The largest region of megalopolitan development is along the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Indo-Gangelic Plain), containing over 200 million people; located along the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Rivers, creating very fertile agricultural land; the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains create a physical barrier, as well as provide water through \_\_\_\_\_, which adds to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the land. List some major cities: