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Urbanization in the United States

Introduction

Hello students!

For your next project you will be creating a poster about urbanization in the United States. You will be divided into groups of 2-3 and assigned a region of the U.S. Your group will then research how urbanization is currently affecting your region and how it has changed aspects of life.

Urbanization is an important factor in the make-up of the United States today. Especially within the past 100 years, people have been moving from rural to urban areas. This has changed society and the economy in ways that affect many aspects of life.



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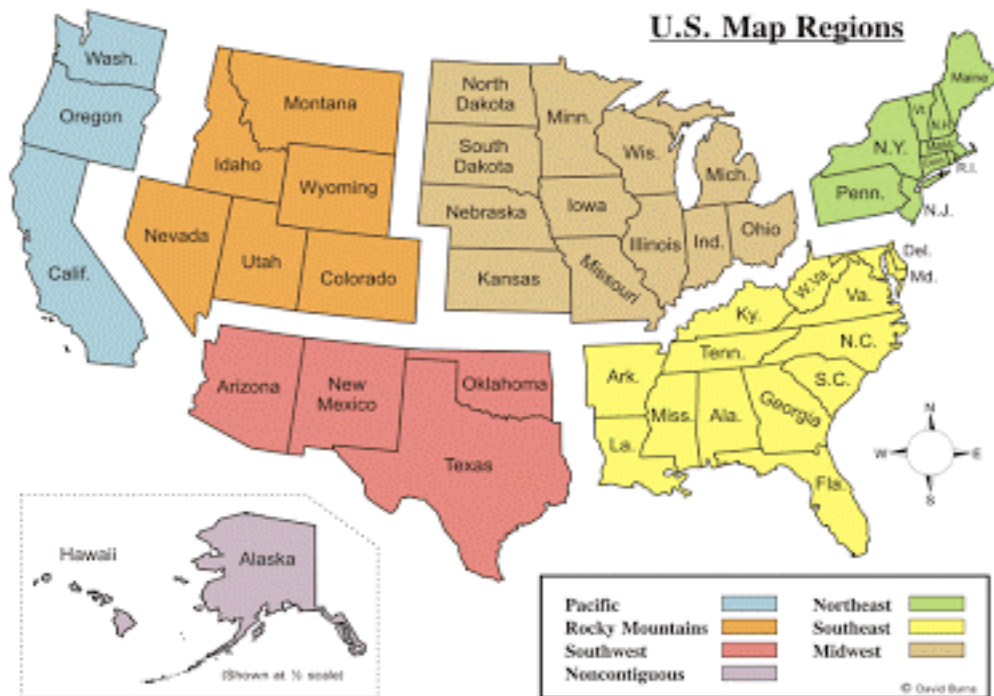
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Task

Your task will be to create a poster about present-day urbanization in a specific region of the United States. Students will be divided into group of 2-3 and assigned one of the following regions:

- Pacific
- Midwest
- Northeast
- Southwest
- Southeast
- Rocky Mountains
- Noncontiguous

Each group will then research how urbanization has impacted their region and changed aspects of life. Look for changes in the economy, agriculture, and tourism. You are not limited to these areas! Included these 3 on your poster, and find two other affected industries on your own.



Process



In order to complete your task, you will need to follow a series of steps.

Collaborative Process:

- 1.) Students will be divided into groups of 2-3.
- 2.) Each group will be assigned a region of the United States.
 - Pacific
 - Midwest
 - Northeast
 - Southwest
 - Southeast
 - Rocky Mountains
 - Noncontiguous
- 3.) Each group will research how urbanization has impacted their region and changed aspects of life.
- 4.) Groups will research how urbanization has affected their region's economy, agriculture, tourism, and 2 industries of their choice. Be sure to cite all sources!
- 5.) Check out the *Resources* page to get started on your research.
- 6.) Once research is completed, groups will be given a large sheet of poster paper and art supplies to make their poster.
- 7.) Posers should include: title (region name), definition of urbanization, and how urbanization has affected the region's economy, agriculture, and 2 other industries.
- 8.) Groups will present their poster to the class and display it in the hallway.

Resources

Below are some resources to help you get started on your research. You are not limited to these resources. In fact, you are encouraged to find your own, as long as they are credible sources.

WEBSITES

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/urbanization>

<http://www.newgeography.com/content/003675-observations-urbanization-1920-2010>

<http://www.newgeography.com/content/002799-staying-same-urbanization-america>

<http://www.theusaonline.com/people/urbanization.htm>

http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=117817

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

“An Age of Urbanization for the U.S.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQdXUMK3rcM>

“Urbanization and the Evolution of Cities Across 10,000 Year”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKnAJCSGSdk>

Evaluation

<u>Category</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Sufficient</u>	<u>Requires Work</u>
Poster Information 1	The poster includes a title (region name), definition of urbanization, at least 2 visual aids, and a works cited turned into the teacher. (20 points)	The poster includes 3 of the following: title (region name), definition of urbanization, at least 2 visual aids, and a works cited turned into the teacher. (19-15 points)	The poster includes only 2 of the following: title (region name), definition of urbanization, at least 2 visual aids, and a works cited turned into the teacher. (14-10 points)	Needs work. The poster includes only 1 or none of the following: title (region name), definition of urbanization, at least 2 visual aids, and a works cited turned into the teacher. (<10 points)
Poster Information 2	The poster accurately describes how urbanization has affected the region's economy, agriculture, tourism, and 2 other industries. (20 points)	The poster describes how urbanization has affected the region's economy, agriculture, tourism, and 2 other industries. (19-15 points)	The poster only describes how urbanization has affected the region's economy, agriculture, and tourism. (14-10 points)	Needs work. The poster only describes how urbanization has affected 1-2 (if any) of the region's industries. (<10 points)
Workmanship	The poster is organized, neat, and visually appealing. (10 points)	The poster is relatively organized and neat, with elements that are visually appealing. (9-8 points)	The poster is average in terms of organization and neatness, but is not visually appealing. (7-6 points)	The poster is not organized, neat, or visually appealing. (<6 points)
Group Collaboration/ Participation	Each group member actively contributes to the poster and the work is evenly distributed. (10 points)	Each group member contributes to the poster, but the work is not evenly distributed. (9-8 points)	Only some group members contribute to the poster and do all of the work. (7-6 points)	One group member is the only contributor to the poster and does all of the work. (<6 points)

TOTAL: 60 Points

Conclusion

You've learned a great deal about urbanization in the United States up to this point. You've learned about the history of urbanization and the effects urbanization has had on a particular region of the U.S. You've not only become expert researchers, but you've also learned how to apply that knowledge into a project of your own. Through your research, you have created a poster detailing how urbanization has affected the economy, agriculture, tourism, and other industries of a region of the United States.

Thank you for all of your hard work!



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