

Using Land in Different Ways

Cross-Curricular Focus: History/Social Sciences



People use land in different ways. Some areas have a lot of open space, and some areas have buildings and people packed in very close to each other. People choose the type of community they want to live in based on their interests and their work.

A **rural** area has few homes and businesses, with lots of space in between. Rural areas are perfect for people and businesses who want to grow plants for food, or raise animals. Most states have some rural areas.

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 modern art and modern building designs in urban areas. There are often many things to do and see in the city.

A **suburban** area is located outside a big city, but not too far away. Suburban communities let people live near where they work, without the crowds that are in the city. You will find apartments, houses, and shopping centers in suburban communities.

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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? _____

5) Do you like rural, urban, or suburban areas best? Why? _____
