Urban and Rural Canada





Big Ideas

- Rural and urban places have different characteristics.
- Urban places have different sizes and functions.
- Most Canadians live in large cities in the southern part of Canada.
- Cities continue to grow as more and more people in Canada and other parts of the world live in them.
- Cities are complex systems that are constantly changing.
- Urban places and their surrounding regions depend on one another for resources and services.

- Decisions about how to use the land affect the quality of life in a city.
- As cities grow, urban sprawl spreads across rural landscapes.
- Urban growth affects the natural environment.
 - Ensuring clean air and managing wastes are important environmental and economic concerns.
- Different people have different viewpoints on what makes a city a good place to live.
 - Geographers, planners, citizens, politicians, and others are trying new ways to make cities more sustainable, better places to live.

Introduction Activity

- Study the following photographs. Describe what you see in each one...
- Where do you think this picture was taken? Have you ever visited or lived there?



















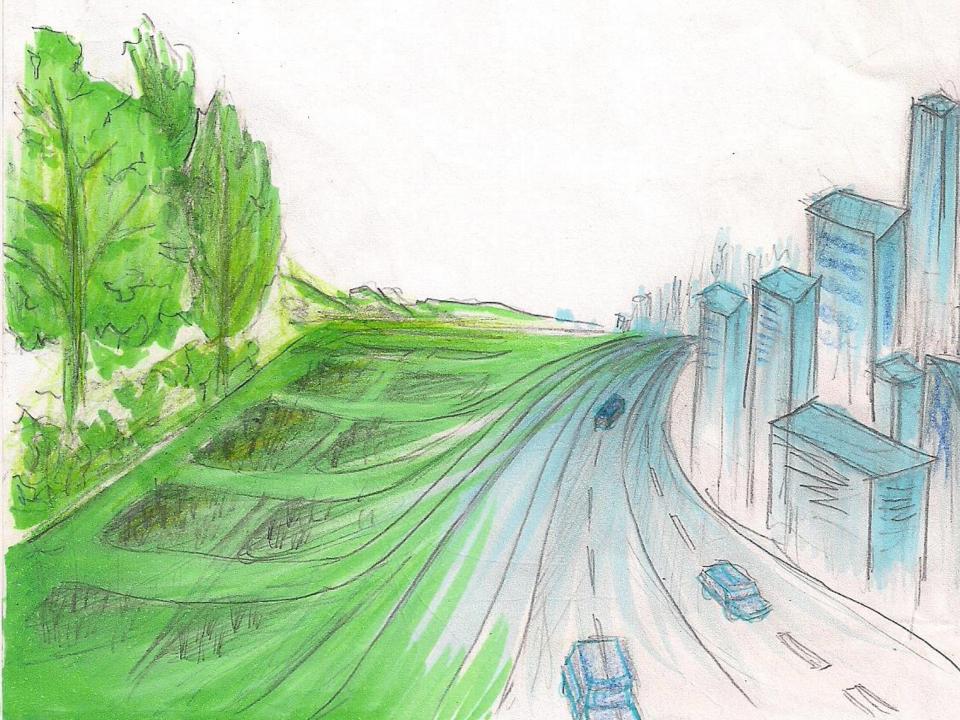












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- Mhere Would you rather live?
- What are the pros and cons of each?