Unit 6 Cheat Sheet: Cities and Urban Land Use

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The big idea: What question does every Unit 6 topic ask, and which four Unit 6 ideas are FRQ favorites?

How to use it: Fill in every box from memory before you look anything up. Then check your answers against the full cheat sheet and star anything you missed. Those are your review targets.

KEY TERMS

Urban growth (Topics 6.1 and 6.2)

Site	
Situation	
Suburbanization	
Megacity	
Urbanization in the periphery	
Edge city	
Boomburb	
Exurb	
Urban sprawl	

World cities and city systems (Topics 6.3 and 6.4)

World (global) city	
Rank-size rule	

World cities and city systems (Topics 6.3 and 6.4, continued)

Primate city	
Gravity model	
Central place theory	
Low- and high-order goods	
Threshold	
Range	

Inside the city (Topics 6.5 to 6.7)

Central business district (CBD)	
Limits of North American models	
Bid-rent theory	
Density gradient	
Zoning	
Infrastructure	

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Sustainable design (Topic 6.8)

Smart growth	
New Urbanism	
Mixed-use development	
Greenbelt	
Urban growth boundary	

Urban challenges (Topics 6.10 and 6.11)

Redlining	

Urban challenges (Topics 6.10 and 6.11, continued)

Gentrification	
Informal (squatter) settlement	
Urban heat island	
Environmental injustice	
Brownfield	

CITY MODELS: WHO LIVES WHERE, AND WHY

MODEL	LAYOUT	WHO LIVES WHERE	WHY IT LOOKS THAT WAY
Concentric zone (Burgess, 1920s)			
Sector (Hoyt, 1939)			
Multiple nuclei (Harris and Ullman, 1945)			
Galactic city (peripheral)			
Latin American (Griffin-Ford)			
African (de Blij)			
Southeast Asian (McGee)			

DON'T CONFUSE THESE

Megacity vs. world city	
Primate city vs. world city	
Site vs. situation	
Burgess vs. Latin American model	
Redlining vs. blockbusting	
Threshold vs. range	

EXAMPLES TO KNOW COLD

New Orleans	
Chicago	
Zurich and London	
Portland, Oregon	
A "revitalized" census tract	

FRQ: HOW UNIT 6 SHOWS UP

PROMPT SAYS	WHAT TO DO
Identify	
Define	
Describe	
Explain	
Compare	
Explain the degree to which	

Likely Unit 6 FRQ angles

- Identify a city model, explain the history behind it, and compare where rich and poor live.
- Explain how bid-rent shapes land use and density.
- Describe how data show a megacity or a primate city.
- Describe an informal settlement and explain why periphery cities draw rural migrants.
- Explain one benefit and one drawback of gentrification.
- Explain the degree to which smart growth limits sprawl.

> **FRQ rules:** Answer exactly what each part asks, and use every stimulus it names. Write in complete sentences. If a part asks for one example, only your first is scored.

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