Cities Beyond Borders

Locate population centers and compare settlement patterns.

6.C.3.1 "Identify on a political map the major countries and population centers of each region, describing urban, rural, suburban, and metropolitan settlement patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each country, circle each population center, and box the words urban, suburban, rural, and metropolitan. Use your marks to connect places with the ways people settle there.

Where People Live

1. On a political map of North America, Canada lies north of the United States, and Mexico lies to the south. Toronto is a major population center in Canada, New York City is one in the United States, and Mexico City is one in Mexico. An urban area has many buildings and people close together. Around Toronto, suburban neighborhoods include homes and shops outside the busy city center. Farther from these cities, rural areas have fewer people and more land used for farming or other work.

2. In South America, Brazil covers much of the east, Peru borders the Pacific Ocean to the west, and Argentina extends far south. São Paulo is a major population center in Brazil, Lima is in Peru, and Buenos Aires is in Argentina. São Paulo's metropolitan area includes the city and nearby communities linked by jobs and travel. In rural parts of Argentina, homes and towns are farther apart than in Buenos Aires. A political map marks country borders, but these descriptions help you picture how people live within them.

3. In East Asia, China lies on the mainland, Japan is an island country to its east, and South Korea sits on a peninsula between them. Shanghai is a major population center in China, Tokyo is one in Japan, and Seoul is one in South Korea. Tokyo's metropolitan area reaches beyond its urban center into nearby cities and suburbs. Rural areas of Japan have fewer people spread across villages and farms. A city dot on a political map can point to a population center, but it cannot show every place where its workers live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which country contains Toronto, and what settlement pattern is described around the city?

2. Name the population center in Brazil. What places does its metropolitan area include?

3. Which East Asian country contains Seoul, and where is that country in relation to China and Japan?

4. How do the rural areas described for Argentina and Japan differ from the population centers of Buenos Aires and Tokyo?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence guide for someone drawing a political map of one region in the passage. Name two countries and a population center in each, give a clue about where one country lies, and explain how two settlement patterns in that region differ.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each country, circle each population center, and box the words urban, suburban, rural, and metropolitan. Use your marks to connect places with the ways people settle there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country contains Toronto, and what settlement pattern is described around the city?	**Toronto is in Canada. Suburban neighborhoods with homes and shops lie outside its busy city center.**
2	Name the population center in Brazil. What places does its metropolitan area include?	**São Paulo is in Brazil. Its metropolitan area includes the city and nearby communities linked by jobs and travel.**
3	Which East Asian country contains Seoul, and where is that country in relation to China and Japan?	**Seoul is in South Korea, which sits on a peninsula between China and Japan.**
4	How do the rural areas described for Argentina and Japan differ from the population centers of Buenos Aires and Tokyo?	**People live farther apart in the rural areas. The passage contrasts rural Argentina with Buenos Aires and describes rural Japan as having fewer people spread across villages and farms, unlike Tokyo's urban center.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In North America, Canada lies north of the United States. Mark Toronto in Canada and New York City in the United States as major population centers. Around Toronto, suburban neighborhoods sit outside the busy urban center, while rural areas farther away have fewer people and more land used for farming or other work.

For the open task, accept any one of the three regions if both country-city pairs and the location clue match the passage. The settlement comparison must describe two distinct patterns in that region.