



Topic Overview

Faculty/Subject: Geography

Year Group: GCSE

Topic: Urban Issues and Challenges



What **BIG IDEAS** will you cover in this topic?

Urbanisation is a global process

Growth of cities due to rural-to-urban migration and natural increase.

Different rates of urbanisation in richer and poorer countries.

Urban growth creates both opportunities and challenges

Access to housing, services, employment, and transport.

Issues such as inequality, pollution, congestion, and waste.

Cities differ around the world

Comparison of a city in an LIC/NEE and one in the UK.

Contrasting urban planning and management strategies.

Sustainable urban living is essential for the future

Managing resources (water, energy, waste).

Importance of green spaces and sustainable transport systems.

What other **key concepts, knowledge and skills** will you learn in this topic?

Knowledge:

Causes of urbanisation (migration and natural increase)

Growth of megacities and global patterns of urban change

Case studies:

A city in an LIC/NEE (e.g., Rio de Janeiro or Lagos)

A city in the UK (e.g., London)

Urban challenges: housing, transport, pollution, inequality

Sustainable solutions: transport systems, waste management, eco-cities

Skills:

Interpreting maps, graphs, and population data

Analysing urban patterns and processes

Evaluating urban management and sustainability strategies

Comparing cities in different parts of the world

Concepts:

Urbanisation

Sustainability

Inequality

Development and globalisation

What important **prior knowledge** will you use from your prior learning?

Students will use their knowledge from the sustainable cities topic they completed in year 8 which will help them with urban sustainability. They will also have knowledge of urbanisation and migration from year 8 and 9.

Where does this topic fit into the **curriculum plan** for this subject?

This is the second topic which students will complete at GCSE. It will come after the living world topic.

Assessment:

How and when will you be assessed on this topic?

What will the success criteria be?

Students will be assessed through home learnings throughout the topic. Any exam questions completed will be marked and feedback will be given.

Students will then be assessed on this topic during their mock exam in December.

They should have knowledge of the content covered in the lessons below.

What is the key **vocabulary** that you will need to know in this topic?

Urbanisation

Rural-to-Urban Migration

Megacity

Natural Increase

Informal Settlement

Inequality

Sustainable Development

Urban Growth

Regeneration

Transport System

Waste Management

Green Space

What is the structure of learning/ lessons in this topic?

1. Urbanisation
2. Megacities
3. LIC City - Location and Importance
4. LIC - Social opportunities
5. LIC - Economic opportunities
6. LIC - Social Challenges
7. LIC - Environmental challenges
8. LIC - Managing urban growth
9. LIC - Unemployment, crime, urban poor
10. LIC - Urban poor
11. UK City - Manchester Introduction
12. UK City - Environmental opportunities
13. UK City - Environmental challenges
14. UK City - Social opportunities
15. UK City - Social challenges
16. UK City - Urban Sprawl
17. UK City - Regeneration
18. Sustainability
19. Transport