

BIG IDEAS

Urbanization is a critical force that shapes both human life and the planet.

The historical development of cities has been shaped by geographic, economic, political, and social factors.

Decision making in urban and regional planning requires balancing political, economic, social, and environmental factors.

Urban planning decisions and other government policies can dramatically affect the overall quality of life in cities.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions • Assess and compare the significance of past and present factors that influence urbanization (significance) • Ask questions about the content, origins, purposes, and context of multiple sources in order to corroborate inferences gathered from them (evidence) • Identify continuity and change in the development of urban spaces (continuity and change) • Determine and assess the long- and short-term causes and consequences, and the intended and unintended consequences, of public policy decisions related to urban places (cause and consequence) • Explain and identify the forces that shape opinions and decision making on current issues related to urban studies (perspective) • Recognize implicit and explicit ethical judgments in a variety of sources (ethical judgment) • Make reasoned ethical judgments about current and past issues after considering the context and standards of right and wrong (ethical judgment) 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urbanization as a global phenomenon • historic settlement patterns in urban centres • local and regional governance in B.C. and relationships with other levels of government • functions of local and regional government • urban planning and urban design • decision making in the planning of cities and regions • contemporary issues in urban studies