

(9) URBANIZATION AND THE FUTURE OF CITIES

ACTIVITY 1: Watch the [VIDEO](#) and answer the questions.

1. In 3-4 sentences, discuss the importance of improvements in farming techniques to the development of cities.

2. Reliable food supplies allowed humans the luxury of free time, which provided the opportunity to produce items for trade. Describe how the production of goods contributed to the growth of cities.

3. Experts predict that the global population will top out around 10 billion people, with 7 billion of those people living in cities. What are some of the opportunities and challenges that cities will face as the population increases?

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4. What percentage of the human population lived in cities 100 years ago?

a.10%	b.20%	c.40%	d.80%
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5. What led to the development of the first semi-permanent settlements?

a.Changes in the global climate	b.An increase in freshwater supplies.	c.Improvements in healthcare.	d.Advances in agriculture.
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6. Which of the below technologies is a development that resulted from the desire to trade with neighboring communities?

a.The plow	b.Walled cities	c.Roads	d.Water distribution
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7. Why were people initially drawn to cities?

a.The availability of jobs.	b.The promise of leisure time.	c.Safer living conditions.	d.More farmland.
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8. Global population is expected to top out at _____ billion people.

a.6	b.7	c.9	d.10
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