WORLD CITIES

1. Identify four potential “hearth regions” for the world’s first urban settlements.

2. List 5 characteristics of the world first cities which emerged around 2000 BCE, as deduced from the excavations of Ur (in modern Iraq) and Titris Hoyuk (in modern Turkey).

3a. What was a city-state?

3b. What services did the city-state provide to the surrounding hinterland?

4. Athens, likely the first city to attain a population of 100,000, flowered in the 5th century BCE. Large cities, such as ancient Athens, began to supply what types of things not available in smaller settlements?

5. Urbanism as a way of life, and the number of cities, grew markedly during the Roman Empire. Why did these large centers collapse with the fall of the empire in the 6th century CE?

6a. Who led the establishment of new urban centers in Europe in the Medieval period (Middle Ages)?

6b. What role did trade play in the revival of urbanism at this time?

6c. What were the five largest cities in the world during the Middle Ages (ca. 900)?

7. How did the Industrial Revolution reinforce urbanism?
• HIERARCHY OF BUSINESS SERVICES

8. Read this section and answer the questions in the graphic below.

1. a. List the three largest world cities.  
   b. What do they share?  
   c. List the “second tier” of world cities.

2. WORLD CITIES
   d. What services do these cities contain?

3. REGIONAL COMMAND & CONTROL CENTERS
   e. Give several examples cities.
   f. Give examples of specializations and cities represented by each.

4. SPECIALIZED PRODUCER-SERVICES CENTERS
   g. List the four subtypes of dependent centers and an example city for each.

DEPENDENT CENTERS

• ECONOMIC BASE OF SETTLEMENTS

9. Define the following terms.
   (a) basic industry:

   (b) nonbasic industry:

10. What is the economic base of a community?

11. Explain how a basic industry creates new types of jobs.
12a. Complete the following statement:

Basic industries originally referred to ______________________ but in a postindustrial society increasingly the basic industries are in ______________________, ______________________, and ______________________.

12b. Complete the graphic below to illustrate the statement from question #12a with regard to the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

Baltimore’s economic base during the INDUSTRIAL period. → Baltimore’s economic base in POST-INDUSTRIAL society.