**CLASS 1**

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| **TOPIC** | City as a permanent human settlement: history, functions and importance | |
| **LEARNING CONTENT - DETAILED CHARACTERISTICS** | This topic focuses on the definition of “city” is a large and permanent human settlement that serves as a center for various social, economic, and cultural activities. The audience is introduced to key characteristics of cities: 1. A significant and relatively dense population; 2. Extensive physical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, buildings, utilities (such as water and electricity), transportation networks (such as public transit systems), and public services (such as police and fire departments); 3. Economic Function: a diverse range of industries, commerce, and employment opportunities; 4. A distinct system of governance with elected officials or administrative bodies; 5. Cultural and Social Significance. The exact characteristics of a city can vary between countries, regions, and jurisdictions, as they are often defined by specific laws, regulations, or historical factors. | |
| **KEY WORDS** | City, Residents, Economic and Social significance | |
| **SUGGESTED TOOLS** | Interactive lecture  Power-point presentation  Videos and readings about the concept of city  Handouts for analysis in groups  Discussion | |
| **TIPS / METHODOLOGICAL REMARKS**  **(if applicable)** | Organization of the classes is interactive, following learning by doing and hands-on. All steps are detailed in the description | |
| **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLASSES** | **STEP 1** | The lecturer introduces the audience to the history of the emergence of the term city: ancient Mesopotamia ("uru" or "unug"), ancient Egypt ("niwt"), ancient Greeks ("polis"), etc.  See Work Card 1 |
| **STEP 2** | Discussion: the diverse forms of the emergence and development of settlements under the influence of cultural, societal, and historical factors |
| **STEP 3** | The lecturer focuses on the distinctive characteristics of modern cities: Population, Physical Infrastructure, Economic functions, Cultural and Social Significance |
| **STEP 4** | A special subject of comment is the spatial structure of cities, influenced by a multitude of factors, including historical context, cultural preferences, economic activities, transportation networks, and urban planning decisions |
| **STEP 5** | Learners discuss the relationship between the form and structure of cities and their dominant functions  See Work Card 2 |

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL - WORK CARD 1**

**WORK CARD 1 - ANCIENT CITIES AND THEIR FEATURES**

Watch the video “Uruk: Origins and Legends of History's Earliest City ”

[(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jQUwWtbFjE )](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jQUwWtbFjE) from the Geographics YouTube channel and answer the following questions bellow:

1. Where did the city originate? What is the significance of its geographical location on the population influx and growth of the city?
2. What is the structure of the city? How does this structure allow it to have the significance of a religious center?
3. What are the main factors in the city's prosperity?
4. What are the major achievements in the cultural history of mankind that are associated with Uruk?
5. Briefly tell about your hometown: when did it come into being? What are its historical and contemporary features? What are the distinctive achievements of its population - history, economy, culture, art?

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL - WORK CARD 2**

