

Patterns & Distributions

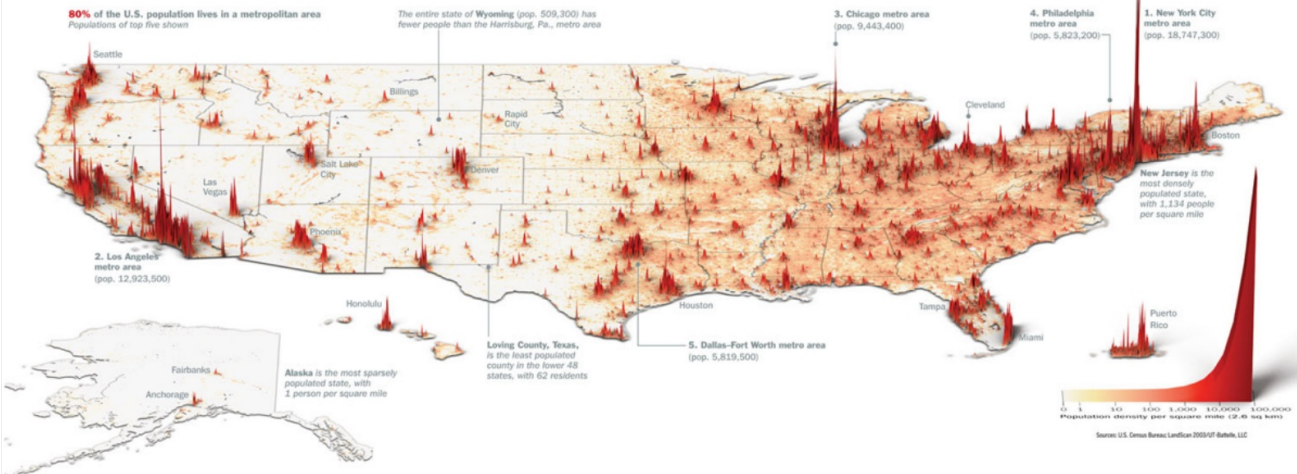


Where We Live...

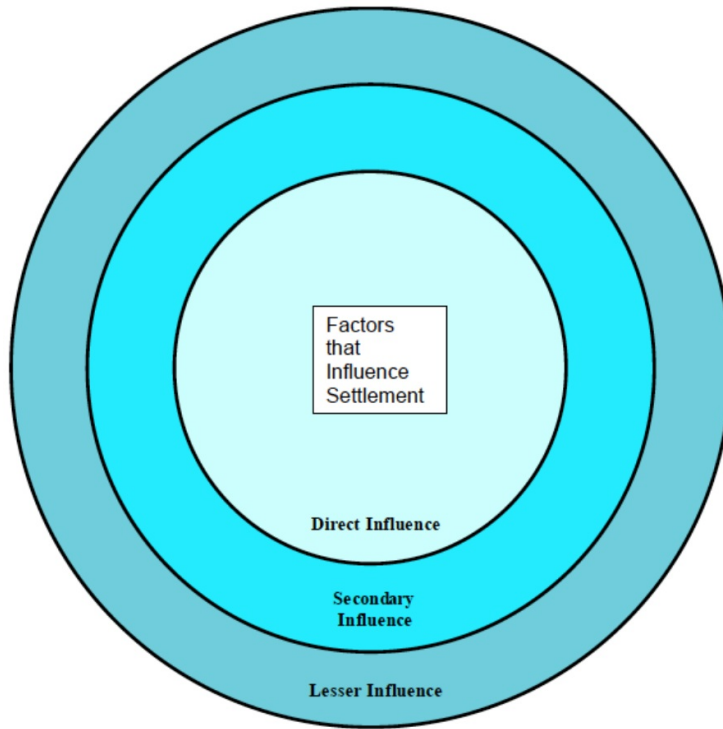
Unlike many developed countries, the U.S. keeps growing. We are also moving south and west. But compared with China or India, the nation is a vast prairie.

Our families are getting smaller—with one vital exception. Compared with those of Europe and Japan, the U.S. population is younger and more colorful because of the continued arrival of immigrants and their higher-than-average birthrates. Of the 100 million Americans who will join us in the next 37 years, half will be immigrants or their children. In the next few decades, 97% of the world's population growth will occur in the developing world; the U.S. is the largest developed country in the world that is still growing at a healthy clip. That matters, strategically, economical-

Ala.; Possum Trot, Ky.; or Loneyville, N.Y. But they are all probably close to someone's idea of paradise. —by Nancy Gibbs



T-Chart

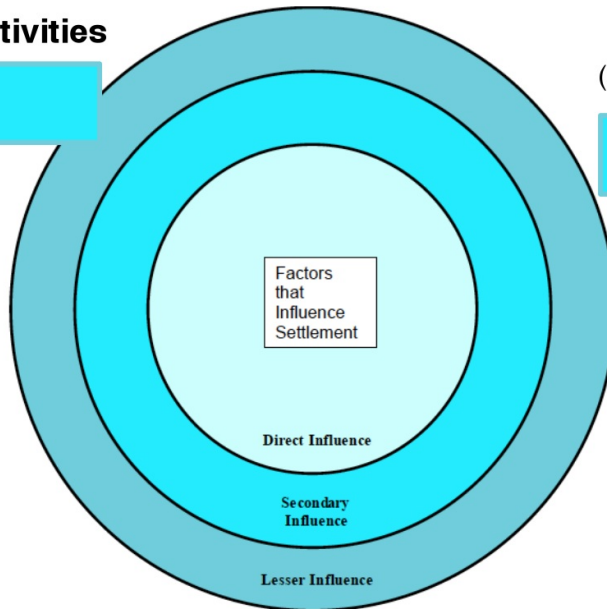


Trade/Economic Activities

Direct Influence

Cultural Ties
(language, history, ethnicity)

Lesser Influence



Others
(war, diseases, etc.)

Various

Physical/Climate and Technological
(water, soil, agricultural, climate, resources, transportation)

Secondary Influence

Whatcha Think?

1. What kinds of factors encourage cities to grow or decline?
2. What do settlement patterns change over time?
3. With our current economic in USA, do you think that settlement patterns are changing in the United States? Why?

Pick Your Own Country

- You will use this country for the rest of the Unit 3.

- * Australia
- * Brazil
- * Cambodia
- * China
- * Cuba
- * Egypt
- * Ethiopia
- * Guatemala
- * Iraq
- * Italy
- * Mexico
- * North Korea
- * Panama
- * Peru
- * Russia
- * South Africa
- * Thailand

Now what?

1. Using the blank map, **trace** your country on your transparency.
2. On your blank map, **draw** in physical features (mountains, rivers, etc.)
3. **Identify** resources and **develop** symbols to indicate types of natural resources.

Example: *A shape of diamond will represent gems found in the country.*

Mark those symbols on map. The symbols should be shown in a map key.

4. **Color** the map according to the climate types.
5. Put back the transparency map. Color the mostly dense populated areas of your country and dot your urban centers.
6. Complete your worksheet.