LESSON 11  SUBURBAN vs. TRADITIONAL DOWNTOWNS

Overview
Students view a video on transportation and lifestyle choices in various communities, and compare them using the Viewing Guide on the next page.

Objectives
Students will be able to:
1. Identify the differences between various kinds of communities.
2. Explain strict/separate and mixed land uses.
3. Explain the difference between compact housing units, cluster housing, and single-family homes.
4. Identify problems with each type of community and discuss possible solutions.

Procedure
1. Distribute viewing guide. Discuss and predict what will be viewed.
2. View video. Pause the video as needed for Students to take notes and for class discussion.
3. When video ends, allow time for students to complete their viewing guide, either individually or as a group.

Assessment
Make a transparency of the viewing guide and fill it in as a class using the overhead to be sure everyone was able to complete the guide. Discuss the information as it is filled in, allowing the class to share their thoughts.

Content Standards
Language Arts:
Standard 3. Meaning and Communication

Duration
Two 50 minute class periods.

Materials:
Student Viewing Guide
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Key Vocabulary
strict/separate land use, mixed use, compact, single

Subject
Social Studies
Language Arts
♦ All students will focus on meaning and communicating as they listen, speak, view, read, and write in personal, social occupational, and civic contexts.

**Social Studies:**

Strand II. Geographic Perspective  
Standard II.2 Human/Environment Interaction

♦ All students will describe, compare, and explain the locations and characteristics of ecosystems, resources, human adaptation, environmental impact, and the interrelationships among them.
As you view the video, fill out this sheet. See if you can include some of these ideas in your public presentation.

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2. What is the difference between strict/separate uses and mixed uses of land?

3. What is the difference between compact housing units and single family homes?

4. List on the back of this paper some solutions to the problems of suburban sprawl covered in this video.