

Urban Patterns: Key Issue 3

Why Do Inner Cities Have Distinctive Problems?

Rubenstein, pp. 447-451

1. Complete this statement regarding the basic problems of the inner city:

Inner cities in the United States contain concentrations of _____ people with a variety of physical, _____, and _____ problems very different from those faced by _____ residents.

● **INNER CITY PHYSICAL PROBLEMS**

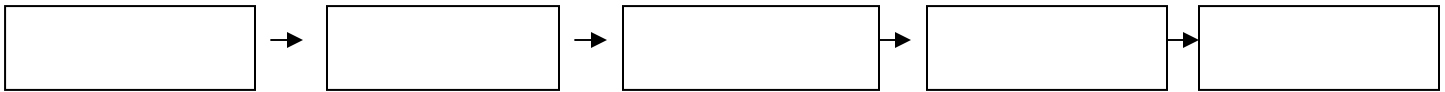
2. What is the major problem faced by inner-city residents?

3a. Describe the inner-city process known as *filtering*.

3b. What is the ultimate result of this process?

4. What is *redlining* and its result?

5. What is *urban renewal*?



6. Complete the box below regarding public housing.

PUBLIC HOUSING

A. Who (primarily) builds and maintains public housing?

B. Percentages of public housing in the US . . .

a. Public housing accounts for ___% of all housing in the US.

b. Public housing accounts for _____% of all housing in the inner city.

C. Why are the high-rise public housing “**projects**” built during the 50’s and 60’s now considered **unsatisfactory**?

D. How are recent public housing projects and “**scattered-site**” public housing of today different?

7. Why has urban renewal been criticized?

8a. Define *gentrification*:

8b. **Who** is attracted to move into gentrified areas? **Why**?

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8c. Why has gentrification been criticized?

9. Complete the boxed statement regarding the population of the inner city.

Inner-city residents frequently are referred to as a permanent _____ because they are _____ in an unending _____ of economic and social _____.

● **INNER-CITY SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

10. List and briefly describe four specific **social problems** of inner-city residents.

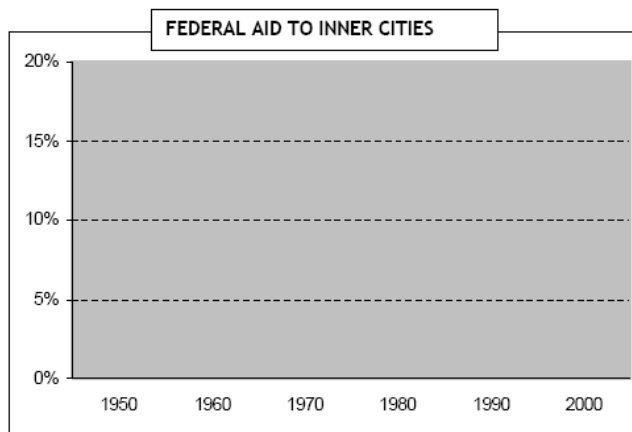
- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

● **INNER CITY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS**

11. What financial crisis does the high proportion of low-income residents in the inner city create?

12. What two choices does a city have to solve this problem? Which have most chosen?

13. Sketch a small graph to show (approximately) how federal aid to inner-cities grew and shrank:



14. Regarding **ANNEXATION**:

(a) What is **annexation**?

(b) **What is required** before an area can be annexed by a city?

(c) In the past, why did peripheral areas *desire* annexation?

(d) What has changed?