



ASSIGNMENT 1

Due by January 30, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:59pm

Maximum of possible points: 2

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Submission

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Purpose

Population is not equally distributed around the world. Spatial distribution of the population has been changing over time. This assignment helps you understand how the inhabitants of the world are distributed, as well as how most of us have become urban residents rather than rural residents.

Task

1. What are some of the consequences of population distribution? Discuss some of the examples of consequences of population distribution that are cited in the Population and Society textbook.
2. Describe some of the main ways that rural areas differ from urban areas around the world and in the U.S.
3. What is meant by the phrase the “center of population”? How do demographers measure the center of population? How has the location of the center of the population of the U.S. changed between 1790 and 2010 time? As of 2010, about where was the center of the U.S. population located?
4. Explain the differences between population explosion and population implosion. Give examples of how these two processes are occurring simultaneously.

All questions are worth 0.5 points each.

Format

The document should be on US Letter paper size, one-inch margins, Arial font, size 11, 1.5 line spacing, and a **maximum of 150 words per question**.

References

Poston, Dudley L.; Bouvier, Leon F. 2017. **Population and Society: An Introduction to Demography**. New York: Cambridge University Press. 2nd edition. Chapter 14 (pp. 365–385).