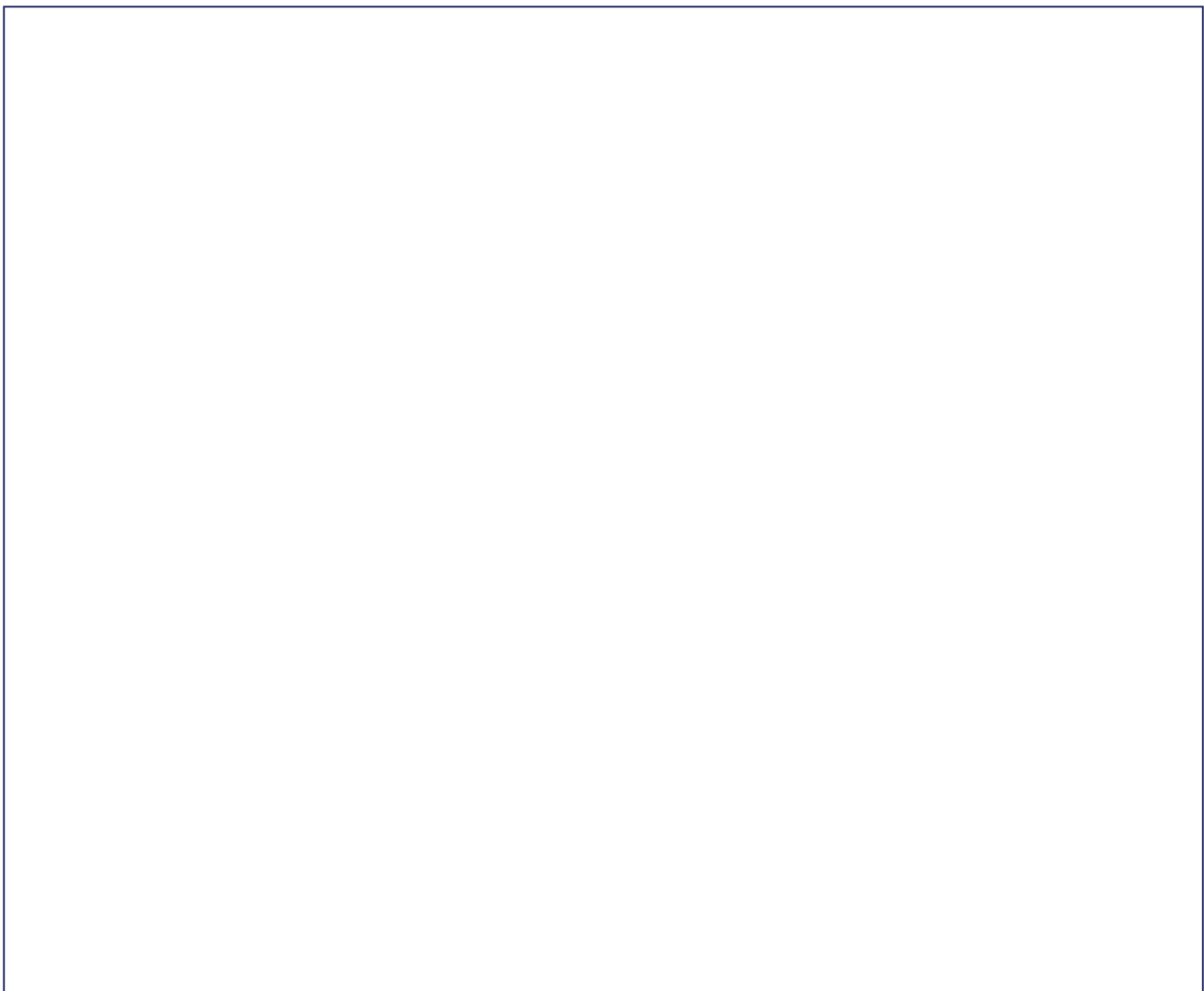


Mapping Our Community: Population and Settlements

Learning objective: To understand the distribution of human settlements and how population density changes across different landscape types.

Use the drawing prompt below to create a map that shows the difference between a sparse rural area and a dense urban area. Use your labels to highlight key features of population distribution.

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view map of a region split into two halves. On the left side, draw a 'Rural Settlement' with large fields, a farm, a small winding river, and only three or four scattered cottages. On the right side, draw an 'Urban Settlement' with many tall apartment blocks, a bustling high street, a school, and a network of roads. Use bright colours to show the difference between the green, open space of the countryside and the grey, busy space of the city. Include a key at the bottom to define your symbols.



Label words: High population density · Low population density · Urban settlement · Rural settlement · Infrastructure · Services · Residential · Industrial

Steps:

1. Label your drawing to identify one area with 'high population density' and one area with 'low population density'.
2. Explain why people might choose to live in an urban settlement rather than a rural one. Consider services

like schools and hospitals.

3. Compare and contrast the amount of green space in an urban area versus a rural area.

4. Justify your answer: Does a town with a large shopping centre and a train station usually have a higher or lower population density?

5. What might happen if a large new factory was built in a rural village? Describe the potential impact on the local population.

6. List two pieces of infrastructure that are essential for supporting a high population density.