Year 10
Subject: Geography
Topic/Unit: Urban issues and challenges in LIC/NEEs
When: Half Term 3

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Overview: This unit is concerned with human processes, systems and outcomes and how these change both spatially and temporally. This unit focusses on a city in a LIC/NEE. The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.

Why this? Why now? The previous human geography unit taught the students about how development varies globally. This unit takes that further and considers the various challenges facing urban areas in contrasting locations. It helps students to understand how and why the world's cities are growing so rapidly. It also highlights real-world issues like housing, inequality, and pollution, teaching you how urban planning creates sustainable, liveable environments for the future.

Building on...building to: In Year 7 students learned that people live in different places and considered what life was like in Lagos, Nigeria. They considered how some of these challenges may be overcome. This unit further develops those ideas and introduces a wider range of challenges which are then categorised into social, economic and environmental. Following this unit, they will consider the challenges in a contrasting city in the UK. In Year 12, students further consider the opportunities and challenges posed by the growth of our urban areas and link these to ideas of urban sustainability.

Sequence summary:

- The global pattern of urban changes and the emergence of megacities
- Factors affecting urbanisation
- The importance of Rio de Janeiro locally, regionally and globally
- The causes of growth and how growth create opportunities
- How growth leads to challenges
- How urban planning can help to improve the life of the urban poor

Key Vocabulary:

- Megacity - An urban area with a total population in excess of ten million people.
- Urbanisation - The process by which an increasing percentage of a country's population comes to live in towns and cities. Rapid urbanisation is a feature of many LICs and NEEs
- Natural increase - The birth rate minus the death rate of a population.
- Migration - When people move from one area to another. In many LICS people move from rural to urban areas (rural-urban migration).
- Squatter settlement - An area of poor-quality housing, lacking in amenities such as water supply, sewerage and electricity, which often develops spontaneously and illegally in a city in an LIC.

Assessments: Regular recall and retrieval tasks on whiteboards throughout each lesson to check understanding and dispel misconceptions. End of unit assessment exam questions form past papers.

Able and interested: Read *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall which explores how physical geography dictates the choices, security, and power dynamics of nations.

Inclusion, Personal Development and Wider Skills: Tasks are scaffolded to build confidence. Longer exam questions are explicitly broken down into sections.

Homework and Independent Learning: Homework is set weekly. Tasks may include completing graphs, interpreting maps and graphs, creating revision material and answering exam questions.