**Urban Challenges FRQ Round Robin**

**Topics**:

1. **Economic struggles in inner cities**
   1. Poverty/culture of poverty
   2. Urban Decay
   3. Brownfields
   4. Filtering
   5. Redlining
2. **Housing**
   1. Redevelopment
   2. Eminent domain
   3. Homelessness
   4. Gentrification
   5. Gated communities
   6. Government support/scattered site
3. **Gender, Race, and Ethnicity**
   1. Racial Segregation
   2. Blockbusting
   3. Ghettos
   4. Urban colonies
4. **Transportation/Infrastructure**
5. **Informal Economy**
   1. Shadow economy
   2. Crime
   3. Terrorism
6. **Environmental Effects**
   1. Urban canyons
   2. Urban heat island
   3. Urban wildlife
   4. Pollution
   5. Rush hour
7. **Urban Sprawl**
   1. Leapfrogging

**Everyone (Solutions)**:

1. Greenbelts
2. smart growth
3. New Urbanism
4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
5. urban infill

Extra topics we will cover: Exurbanism, Food Deserts

**FRQ Practice Questions**:

1. **Economic struggles in inner cities**
2. Discuss three social hardships that persist for poor residents in inner cities in America.
3. Define brownfields and discuss one reason they are such a problem for urban areas.
4. Discuss how either filtering or redlining can contribute to issues within inner cities.
5. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:
   1. Greenbelts
   2. smart growth
   3. New Urbanism
   4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
   5. urban infill
6. **Housing**

A. Discuss the process of gentrification and its effects.

B. Analyze ways in which the government has assisted in support for low-income housing in cities.

C. Define eminent domain and how discuss how it contributes to the process of urban redevelopment.

D. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:

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1. **Gender, Race, and Ethnicity**

A. Define blockbusting and how it contributed to racial segregation in US cities.

B. Discuss how urban colonies result in creating homogenous areas within a city.

C. Explain why women are often more numerous in North American central cities than men.

D. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:

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1. **Transportation/Infrastructure**

A. Discuss two of the needs for public transportation in cities.

B. Explain one positive and one negative to cities investing in public transportation systems.

C. Identify two additional forms of infrastructure other than roads and discuss an economic challenge to cities.

D. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:

1. Greenbelts
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3. New Urbanism
4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
5. urban infill
6. **Informal Economy**
7. Define the terms shadow economy and informal economy.
8. Discuss two economic consequences of the informal economy on inner cities.
9. Discuss how crime can contribute to issues within inner cities.
10. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:
    1. Greenbelts
    2. smart growth
    3. New Urbanism
    4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
    5. urban infill
11. **Environmental Effects**
12. Define the terms urban heat island and urban canyon.
13. Discuss an economic and a social consequences pollution in inner cities.
14. Discuss how rush hour can contribute to issues within cities.
15. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problem of economic struggles in inner cities:
    1. Greenbelts
    2. smart growth
    3. New Urbanism
    4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
    5. urban infill
16. **Urban Sprawl**
17. Define the terms urban sprawl and edge cities.
18. Discuss two ways urban sprawl has affected people living in rural areas on the periphery of cities.
19. Discuss how transportation has played a role in urban sprawl in the United States.
20. Choose one of the following topics and explain how it might help solve the problems associated with urban sprawl:
    1. Greenbelts
    2. smart growth
    3. New Urbanism
    4. Mixed-use neighborhoods
    5. urban infill