Canada’s Urban-Rural Divide

**Cartoon Analysis – Class Discussion**

Check out the cartoon on page 131 of *Experience Canada.*

1) What is the point of this cartoon?  
2) Why do people live in cities despite these problems?



**Transportation**

**Housing**

**Infrastructure**

**Recreational Activities**

**Services  
  
Overall environment**

**Other**

**Our Urban-Rural Division**

1. Look at the graph on the board. What do you notice? When does this shift take place?
2. What might explain this pattern?
3. What percentage of Canada’s population live in urban areas today?

**Notes: Fill-in-the-blanks**

* Today, more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Canada’s population lives in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ areas. When a rural area slowly turns into an urban area because of an increase in population, it is called *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
* This shift is caused by *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;* when people move from rural areas to urban areas.
* People move to urban areas to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, access services and to access better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* A lot of rural-urban migration can lead to *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;* when a city spreads out into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Urban Hierarchy: What makes a city a city or a town a town?

**Place it!**  
Draw a line to show where we would find these services.

1. Apple Store

2. Doctor’s office

3. Several hospitals and cancer treatment centre

4. McDonald’s

5. No health care services

6. Walmart

Every major city in Canada went through the urban hierarchy, or ranking, as it developed:

**Impacts of Urban Sprawl**   
Make a flow chart to illustrate some of the possible consequences of urban sprawl.

Urban Sprawl

For people

For the environment