

Name\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Use the photocopy of the map of your town, city, or community. With your group members, answer the following questions to help you draw conclusions about the kind of community in which you live.

1. What is the name of your city or town?\_\_\_\_\_
2. What state is it in?\_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe (to the best of your ability) its location (e.g., it is in the southwest part of the state near the name river or other natural feature).  
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4. Is your community suburban, rural, or urban? Why? What evidence is there on the map that supports your analysis?\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What types of streets exist in your community? (E.g., straight and gridded, or curvilinear)\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are there parks in your community?\_\_\_\_\_
7. If so, are they within the downtown or are they on the outskirts of town? Are there examples of both? If so, list them.\_\_\_\_\_
8. Is there a central business or government area?\_\_\_\_\_
9. Are the buildings in your community old or new? Estimate the age range or date range of the buildings.\_\_\_\_\_
10. Is it easy to get around your community on foot? \_\_\_\_\_
  - In a car?\_\_\_\_\_
  - By public transportation? If yes, what type?\_\_\_\_\_
  - On a bike\_\_\_\_\_
11. Is there a major geological or natural feature in your community? If so, what is it and how does it relate to your town?\_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Is your town named after a particular person? If so, what do you know about this man or woman?\_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you think your town was planned or developed (grew) on its own without a particular plan in place? Why do you think as you do? Use evidence from the map.\_\_\_\_\_  
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14. If you do think your town was planned, do you think it was planned for a particular reason? If so, what was the reason?\_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What else would you like to learn about your town?\_\_\_\_\_