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Megacities: Housing Challenges

<http://urbanplacesmegacities.weebly.com/housing-challenges.html>

Activity 1: The Nature of Slums and Squatter Settlements

One of the key characteristics of housing in megacities is the development of slums or squatter settlements.

<http://www.citiesalliance.org/About-slum-upgrading>.

1. *What are slums?* (list at least 7 dot points of key features of slums)

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2. *Why do slums develop?* Why does urban migration occur? (list 5 dot points)

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3. *Why do slums develop?* What influence does governance have on slum development?

4. *What can be done to prevent the development of new slums?*

5. *Why is slum upgrading important? (list 7 dot points)*

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Activity 2: Skills & Tools

View the photographs of slum settlements throughout the world. What does each photograph tell you about life in slum settlements? Write notes in the table below.

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PHOTO 2	
PHOTO 3	
PHOTO 4	
PHOTO 5	
PHOTO 6 : Sao Paulo, Brazil	

PHOTO 7	
PHOTO 8	
PHOTO 9	
PHOTO 10	

Activity 3: Case Study of Dharavi Slum in Mumbai

Watch the clip of the documentary, *Dharavi: Slum for sale*, and answer the following questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TctdO658T68>

1. What is the population of Mumbai?
2. What proportion of Mumbai's population lives in slums?
3. How many people are estimate to live in Mumbai's largest slum?
4. Where is Dharavi located within the city?
5. What is being proposed for the slum site?

Watch *Mumbai Makeover*, the plan to demolish the slum, and answer the following questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqytZgS-T0>

1. What was there prior to the slum being built?
2. What is the positive side of the slum?
3. What industries and services are mentioned?
4. What is the cash turnover of the slum?
5. What service does the slum provide to the people of Mumbai?
6. Describe the home and living conditions of the Zabair family?
7. What are the benefits of living in the slum according to the family?
8. Why does the government want to redevelop the slum?
9. What do the authorities say they will provide to the slum dwellers?

10. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of the plan?

Advantages	Disadvantages

Activity 4: The Positive Side of Slums

Read the article, *Taking Lessons from Informal Settlements*, and list six dot points the author makes about why the author thinks informal settlements may be beneficial. Then answer; Do you agree, why?

<https://bettercitiesnow.wordpress.com/2010/09/15/taking-lessons-from-informal-settlements/>

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