

## SECTION 1 GEOGRAPHY

## GeoActivity

Use with North America Geography &amp; History, Section 1.4, in your textbook.

Go to Interactive Whiteboard GeoActivities at **myNGconnect.com** to complete this activity online.

## 1.4 MEXICO'S MOUNTAINS AND PLATEAUS

## Graph Population Changes

Mexico's population has shifted in several ways, mainly because of changes in the economy. Workers have left farming areas for employment in new factories in northern cities. The older large cities in central Mexico, like Mexico City, have grown, but not as rapidly as the cities in the north. In addition, new tourist areas have increased the population of some coastal cities.

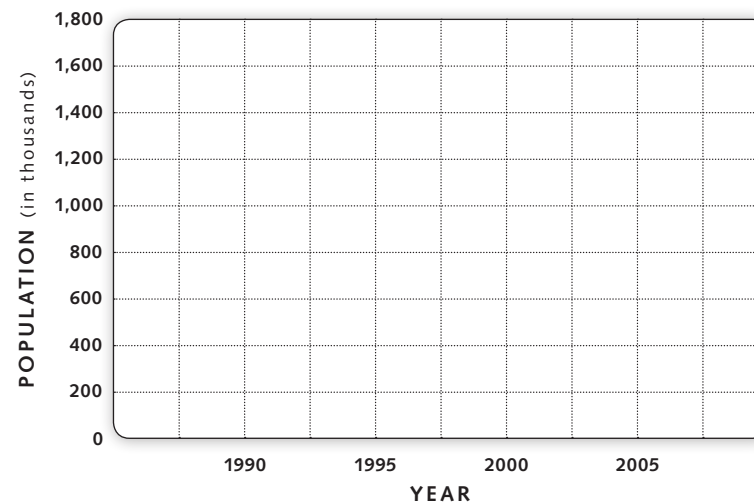
1. **Create Graphs** The table gives population figures for four cities in Mexico from 1990 through 2005. Construct a line graph in the space at right, plotting these figures. Round the numbers to the nearest hundred. Use a different color or line width for each city. Label each line with the city's name. Then locate each city on the Mexico's Cities and Resources map in your textbook.

YEAR	CIUDAD JUAREZ	GUADALAJARA	MATAMOROS	NETZAHUALCÓYOTL
1990	789,522	1,650,042	266,055	1,255,456
1995	995,770	1,633,053	323,794	1,233,681
2000	1,187,275	1,646,183	376,279	1,225,083
2005	1,301,452	1,600,894	422,711	1,136,300

Source: Thomas Brinkhoff: City Population, <http://www.citypopulation.de>

2. **Analyze Data** Which city was the largest at both the beginning and the end of this time period? What happened to this city's population between 1990 and 2005?
3. **Draw Conclusions** Which city grew the most during this period? What part did location play in its growth?

## Population Growth in Selected Mexican Cities



4. **Analyze Data** What other city has a similar location? How would you describe its growth?
5. **Synthesize** Write a sentence to summarize what this graph shows about population changes in Mexican cities.