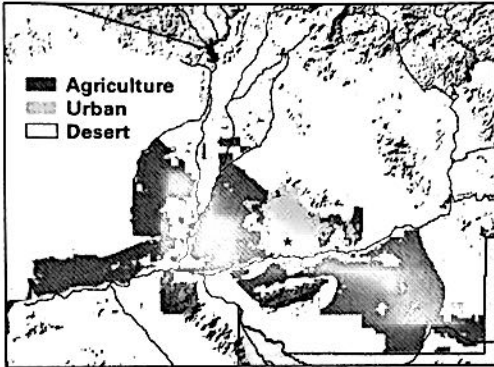


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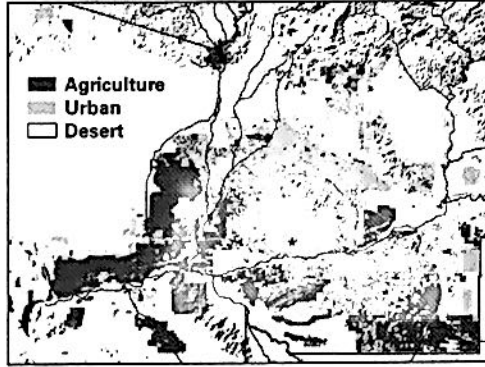
How does urban sprawl affect people and the planet?

In Chapter 5, you explored urban sprawl in three cities. Now you will use what you learned. Use the information on the maps below and your knowledge of geography to complete this task.

Metropolitan Phoenix, 1955



Metropolitan Phoenix, 1995



The Task: Looking at Urban Growth from Different Points of View

These maps show urban sprawl around the city of Phoenix, Arizona, in two different years. Your job is to look at these changes from the point of view of one of the people listed below.

Step 1: Circle the person below through whose eyes you will view changes to the Phoenix area.

- a parent looking for a home in this area
- a farmer looking for farmland in this area
- a city planner in charge of meeting water needs in this area
- a construction worker who builds roads in this area

Step 2: Compare the 1955 and 1995 maps. List two changes that you see.

Step 3: On a separate piece of paper, write an e-mail to a friend about the Phoenix area. In your e-mail, do the following:

- A. Describe how the Phoenix area has changed since 1955. Use details from the maps.
- B. Tell how these changes have affected you, your family, or your job.
- C. State whether you think growth should or should not be controlled in the future. Defend your position with at least one fact or reason.

Writing Tips:

Point of View

When you adopt another person's point of view, you write as if you were that person. Using personal pronouns such as *I*, *my*, and *me* will help you do this.

Test Terms Glossary

To **compare** means to show how two things are alike and different.

To **defend** means to support a position with facts, reasons, or examples.