

Class 11b: Urban geography

- Why cities? Where?
- Internal spatial dynamics
- Suburbanization
- Inner cities

What is a city?

- A central place (exports good and services to a larger region)
- A place of a certain size and density
 - 200 in Denmark
 - 2,000 in the U.S.
 - 20,000 in Japan
- A recent phenomenon (3% in 1800)

Why cities?

- Specialization of labor
- Agglomeration and efficiency
 - Economies of scale
 - Sharing suppliers, customers, services
- Administration and organization
- Defense