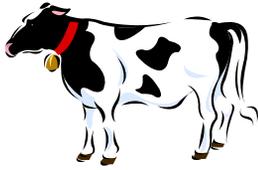


Community Types



Rural

Suburban



Urban



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Teachers:

This is a great activity to use along with your own resources!

I use this activity to help the kids define the 3 types of communities and then discuss their differences.

I find online videos and check out library books to share during this short study.

I do the circle activity to introduce communities and the question page as a quick assessment after the kids have worked on and learned about this for a few days.

Directions:

- Give the students the blank circles page.
- Have them fill in urban in the smallest, suburban in the next, and rural in the largest. Create a short definition for each as a class.
- Students will draw some sketches of what they would see in each community (farm, skyscrapers, neighborhood park, etc.). *These are really cute to display on a wall! I do the sketching with the whole group so that the kids have plenty of examples of what they'll see in each community. Also, be sure to brainstorm a list of things and characteristics that each community has. I have some ideas for you on the next page! ;)*
- When you have had enough time to use all of your other teaching materials (books and videos) for this topic, you can give the question page as a quick quiz! I usually make it a week long study.

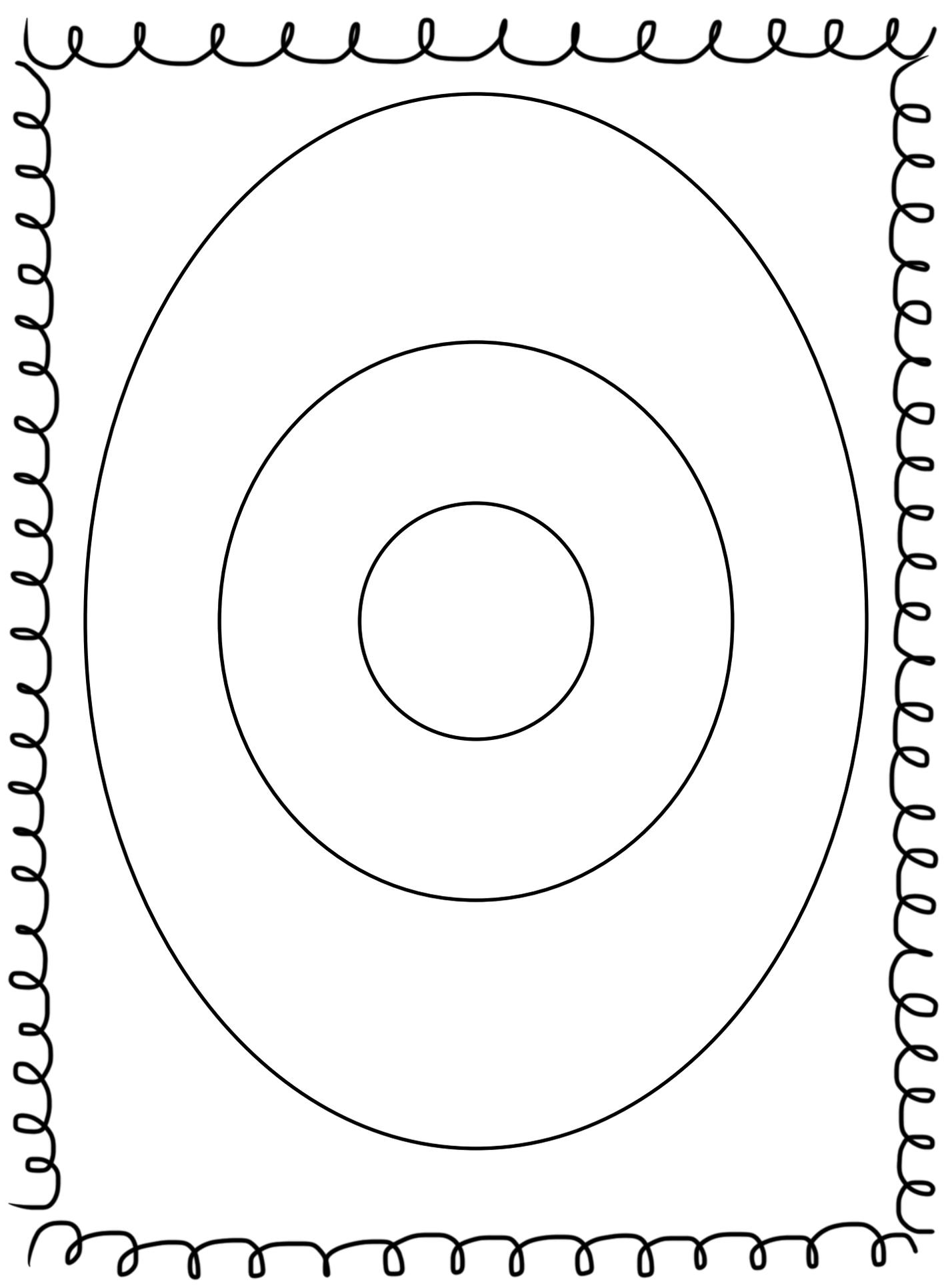
Community Characteristics

Urban: Not much space, crowded with people and cars, lots of tall buildings, can walk to where you want to go, taxi cabs and city buses, many stores, lots of noise, museums, businesses and lots of entertainment activities, people live in tall apartment buildings

Suburban: more space, neighborhoods with houses and yards, less crowded with people and cars, less noise, more trees, plants, and grass, must drive to most places (stores, schools, entertainment)

Rural: wide open space and land, farms, dirt roads, more nature and animals, lots of trees, few people, houses are far apart, must drive a while to get everywhere (stores, school, etc.), very quiet and peaceful

These are just a few of the ideas that I would use when I taught this unit. Add in your own examples and have fun! The kids love learning about what other's lives are like!



Name: _____ Date: _____

Communities Questions

Read the questions below and decide which community goes in the blank.
Write *rural community*, *urban community*, or *suburban community* in the blanks.

1. Where are you going to see a tractor? _____
2. Where would you be able to ride in a taxi cab? _____
3. Where do people have their own front and back yards?

4. Sam lives in a tall apartment building and rides the subway to school with his mom. Where does he live? _____
5. Anna likes to ride her bike around the neighborhood and go to the park with her friends. Where do you think Anna lives?

6. Cody helps his sister feed their pigs, chickens, and horses before school each day. Where does Cody live? _____

Cut and paste the pictures into the correct places below.

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Suburban

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