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Extra Reading Comprehension Activities

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Comprehension Questions

A. Answer the questions, according to information in the article.

1. Why are the majority of megacities in developing countries?

2. What standard will megacities set in the 21st century?

3. What do "first-world" and "third-world" cities have in common?

4. What basic infrastructure problems do all megacities deal with?

5. What would megacity leaders especially like to learn from other cities?

6. Why does Perlman disagree with strict central planning?

7. Why does Perlman think people love to go to Siena, Paris, or Barcelona?

Critical Thinking Questions

B. Look at the chart in the article to answer the following questions.

1. Which city is predicted to have the same rank in 2015? Why do you think this might be?

2. Which cities are predicted to grow the most in population by 2015? Why do you think this might be?

3. Which city is predicted to grow the least in population by 2015? Why do you think this might be?
