

Year 7 Geography Knowledge Organizer: What is it like to live in the North-West of England?

Key Word	Definition
Urban	Built-up areas such as towns and cities.
Rural	Countryside areas with fewer people and buildings.
Population density	The number of people living in a certain area.
Industrialisation	The growth of factories and industry.
Deindustrialisation	The decline of traditional industries and factories.
Regeneration	Improving an area through investment and redevelopment.
Urban sprawl	The spreading out of cities into surrounding countryside.
Infrastructure	Transport, services, and systems needed for a place to function.
Sustainability	Meeting needs without damaging the environment for the future.

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Big Ideas

- The North-West is a diverse region with cities, towns, and rural areas.
- The region has changed because of industrialisation, deindustrialisation, and regeneration.
- People experience both opportunities and challenges depending on where they live.
- The North-West is connected to the UK and the wider world through transport and trade.

Where do people live in the UK?

- Most people in the UK live in urban areas.
- The North-West includes major cities such as Manchester and Liverpool.
- Rural areas include the Lake District and parts of Cumbria.



Deindustrialisation in the North-West

- Traditional industries such as shipbuilding and textiles declined.
- Factory closures caused unemployment and poverty in some areas.
- Some areas experienced environmental decline and derelict land.



Opportunities in the North-West

- Manchester has growing media and technology industries.
- Tourism is important in the Lake District.
- Liverpool remains an important port city.



Urban Sprawl

- Urban sprawl happens when cities spread into surrounding countryside.
- This can lead to habitat destruction and increased traffic.
- It can also create more housing and jobs.

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Regeneration

- Regeneration improves old or run-down areas.
- Salford Quays became MediaCityUK after redevelopment.
- Regeneration can create jobs, housing, and tourism.

Rural Areas

- Rural areas have smaller populations.
- Farming and tourism are important activities.
- Challenges include poor transport and fewer services.

Connections

- The region is connected by motorways, railways, airports, and ports.
- Manchester Airport provides international links.
- Liverpool is an important trading port.

Case Study: MediaCityUK

- Located in Salford Quays, Greater Manchester.
- Built on former docklands.
- Created jobs and investment in media and technology.

Exam Practice Questions

1. Define the term urban sprawl.
2. Explain one impact of deindustrialisation.
3. Describe one opportunity in the North-West of England.
4. Explain how regeneration can improve an area.