

Adapting to the Physical Environment

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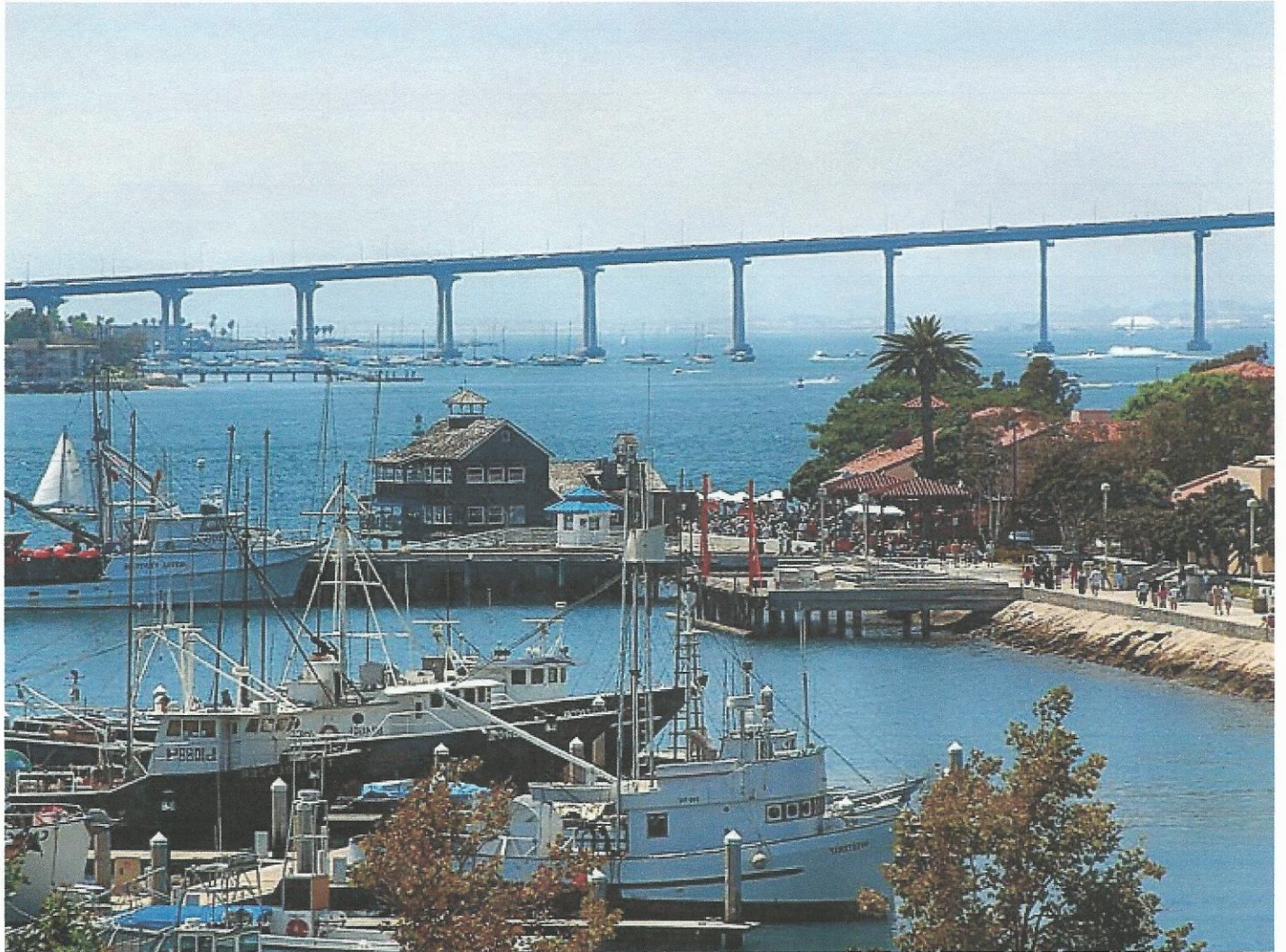
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What are some similarities and differences of these two areas or regions?

How do people adapt to live on or near the water?



How do people adapt to live at high altitudes?



How do people adapt to live in very cold climates?



How do people adapt to live in the desert?



All About San Francisco, California

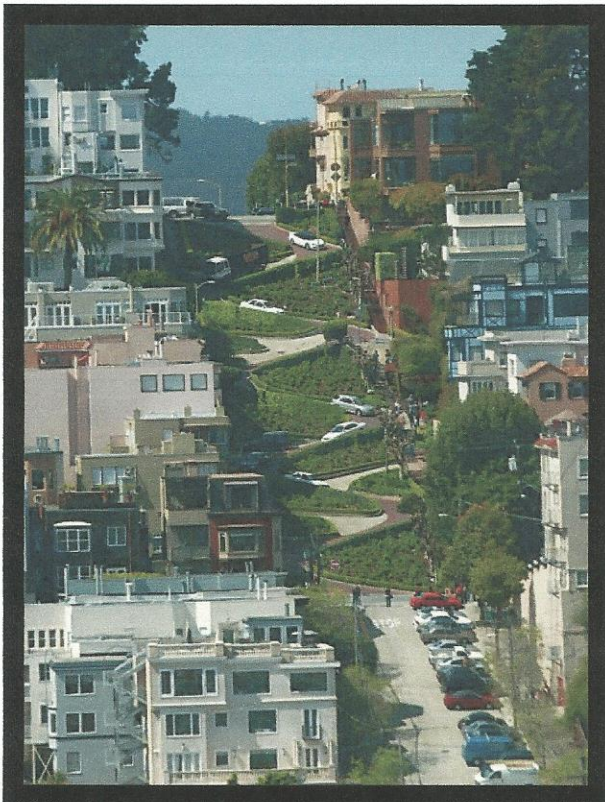
The Land

San Francisco is a large city located on a peninsula in Northern California. A peninsula is an area of land that is surrounded by water on three sides but is still connected to the mainland. San Francisco is surrounded by the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the San Francisco Bay. Rolling hills and tiny nearby islands add to the beauty of this city.



Climate

San Francisco is known for its cool summers and mild winters. Cool breezes and foggy mist are common.



Natural Resources

This area of Northern California provides excellent sources of water, timber (trees), minerals and petroleum. This area is also home to hundreds of vineyards because of the rich farmland.

Natural Hazards

San Francisco has experienced extremely damaging earthquakes in 1906 and 1989. The earthquakes caused injuries to people and damage to homes, buildings, and bridges. Because of the threat of another earthquake, homes and buildings in San Francisco are built differently than in other places. Homes and buildings have extra support so that they will not collapse during an earthquake.

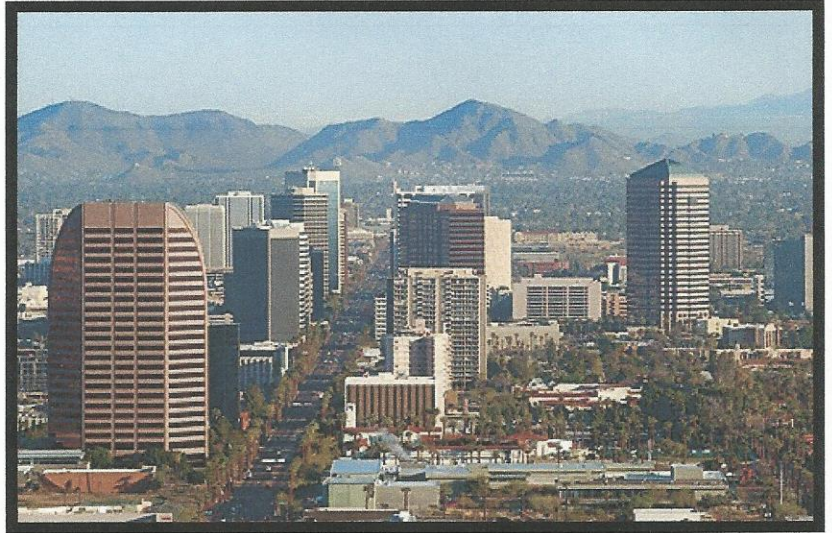
All About Phoenix, Arizona

The Land

Phoenix is a large city located in the Sonoran Desert in Arizona. Phoenix sits in the Salt River Valley and is mostly flat land surrounded by mountains.

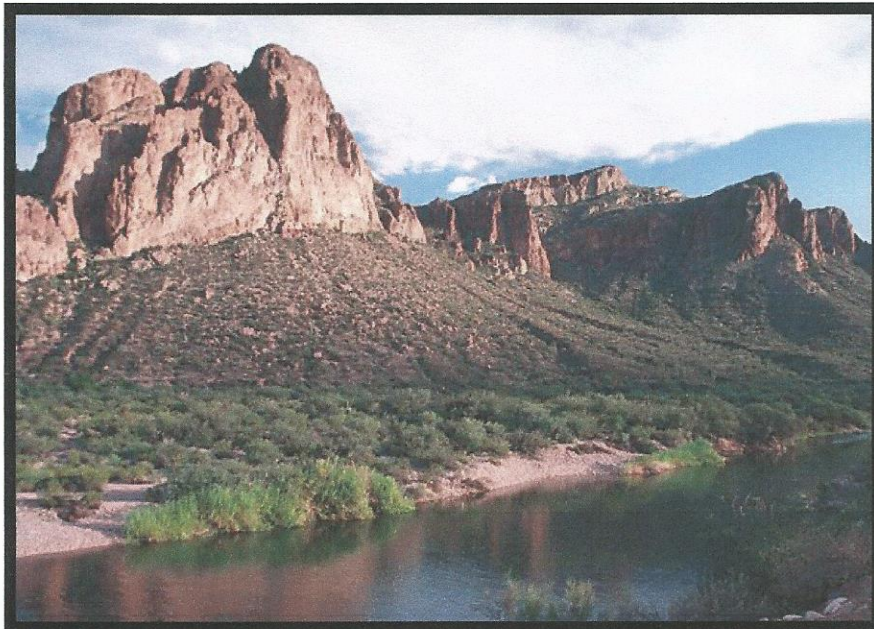
Climate

This hot, dry area rarely sees more than 15 inches of annual rainfall. Phoenix has extremely hot summers and warm winters and is almost always sunny.



Natural Resources

Because of the flat land, Phoenix was once well known for cattle and cotton production. There is also an excellent supply of copper, and farmland for growing citrus fruits. The rocky terrain provides sand and gravel that can be used to make concrete.



Natural Hazards

Because of the dry climate and extreme heat, Phoenix is at risk for severe droughts. As water sources dry up, people must find other ways to water crops and animals. The city plans carefully so that water is stored in reservoirs for times of drought.

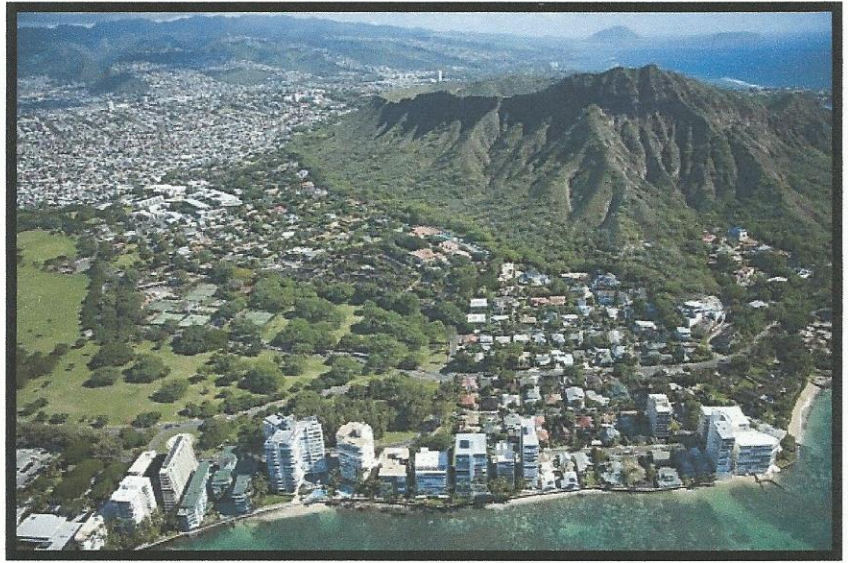
All About Honolulu, Hawaii

The Land

Honolulu is on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. The Hawaiian Islands were formed millions of years ago by the power of volcanoes. The Diamond Head crater is a reminder that there were once volcanoes in Honolulu. There are also sandy beaches, hills and canyons.

Climate

The weather in Honolulu stays mostly the same throughout the year: Summers are warm and winters are cool.



Natural Resources

Because of the great weather and rich soil, many fruits and plants grow here including papaya, pineapple, macadamia nuts, sugar, flowers, and coffee beans. Hawaii also has an excellent groundwater reserve.

Natural Hazards

There are five active volcanoes in Hawaii. A volcanic eruption can cause many problems for the people, animals, and plant life of Hawaii. The lava is dangerous and destroys almost everything in its path. Volcanic gases can be toxic for humans and other animals.

