

Background Information

Factors Affecting Quality of Life in Winnipeg

The following list suggests how geography, climate and resources affect the quality of life of people in Winnipeg.

Geography

- flat land creates a feeling of openness (vs. crowding)
- flood plain contributes to rich soil, which is good for growing crops but is also subject to flooding
- convergence of Red River and Assiniboine River, which makes water transportation and water sports possible.

Climate

- extreme (one of the coldest cities in the world)—cold winters make it easy to spend a lot of time indoors reading and being with friends and family
- long winters means there is access to winter sports, such as skating and tobogganing
- hot summers and many bodies of water result in pesky mosquitoes
- the abundance of year-round sunshine influences people's moods and their sense of beauty
- extreme climate affects people's wardrobes—they need summer clothes and winter clothes.

Resources

- the rich soil from the flood plain means the rural communities surrounding Winnipeg can easily grow crops that provide the city with fresh food and agriculture provides jobs for people who live outside of Winnipeg
- people living in the city work mostly in manufacturing plants, industries or in government or government-funded organizations, such as transportation, education and health care
- efficient and plentiful transportation routes in and out of Winnipeg mean that many goods are manufactured there.

Encourage students to use webbing software to create a diagram as illustrated below. Students may post their diagrams in the classroom.

