**Chapter 13 Learning Guide – Urban Patterns**

**Key Issue 3 – *Why Do Inner Cities Have Distinctive Problems?***

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1. Complete this statement regarding the basic problems of the inner city:

“Inner cities in the United States contain concentrations of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people with a variety of physical, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problems very different from those faced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ residents.”

**Inner City Physical Issues**

1. What is the major problem faced by inner-city residents?
2. Describe the inner-city process known as *filtering*.
3. What is the ultimate result of this process?
4. What is *redlining* and its result?
5. What is *urban renewal*?
6. Why has urban renewal been criticized?
7. Complete the chart below regarding public housing.

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| Public Housing | |
| Who builds & maintains it? |  |
| Percentage in the U.S. |  |
| Reasons high-rise public housing is unsatisfactory |  |
| How are recent public housing projects different? |  |

1. Define *gentrification:*
2. What three (3) groups are attracted to gentrified areas and why?
3. Why has gentrification been criticized?

**Inner-City Social Issues**

1. Complete the statement regarding the population in the inner-city:

“Inner-city residents frequently are referred to as a permanent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in an unending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of economic and social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. List and briefly describe four (4) specific social problems of the underclass.

**Inner-City Economic Issues**

1. What financial crisis does the high proportion of low-income residents in the inner city create?
2. Explain the two (2) choices a city has in order to solve this problem.
3. What two (2) things are happening to homeowners who have been unable to repay their subprime loans?