

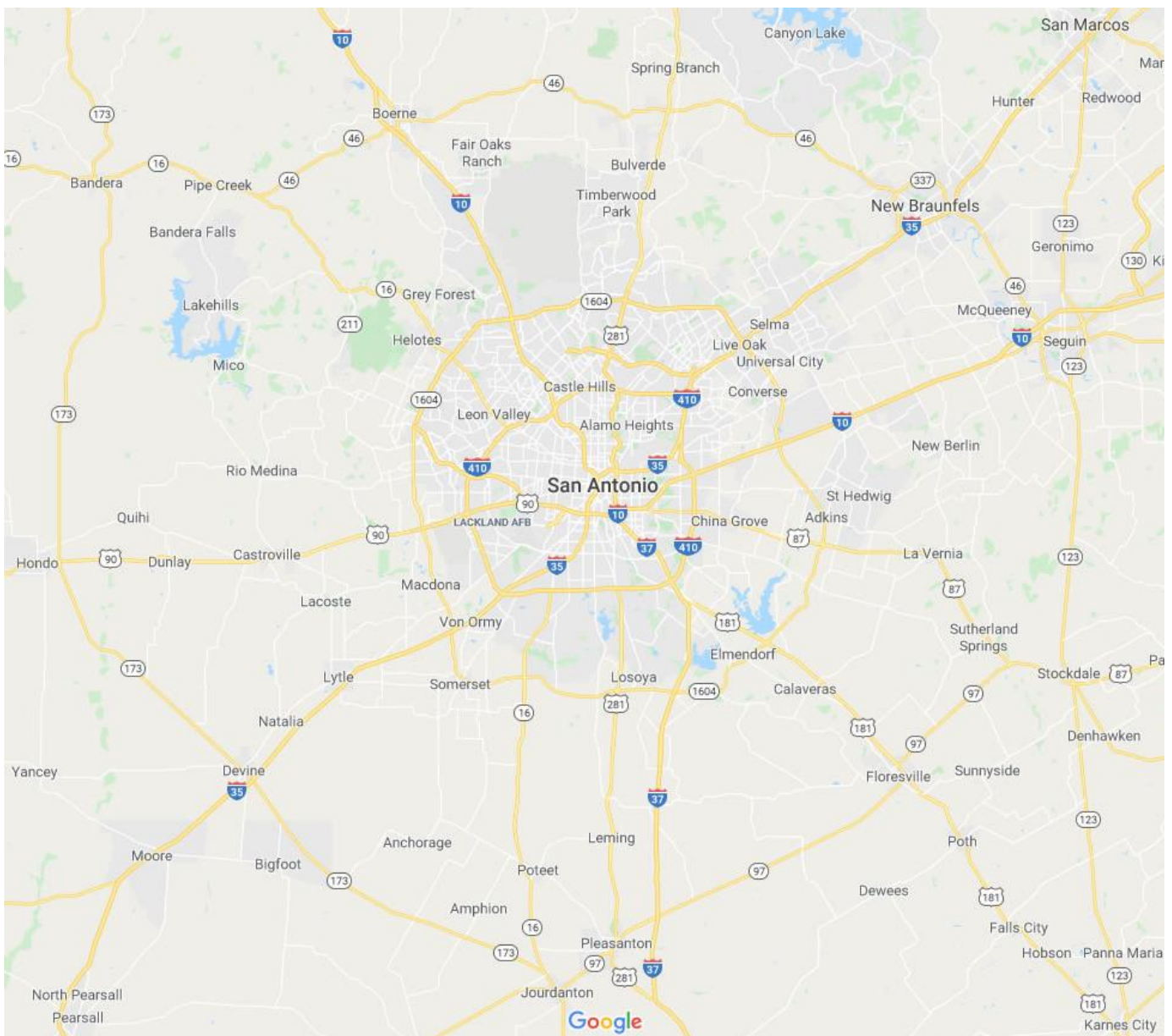
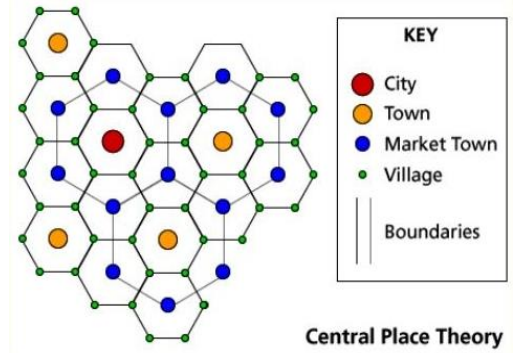
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Cities & Urban Land Use: Central Place Theory & Edgencies

1. The map below shows the city of San Antonio. Assuming San Antonio is the “central place,” apply the Central Place Theory and classify the list of urban communities into the table below:

New Braunfels, Selma, Boerne, China Grove, Converse, Von Ormy, Helotes, Floresville, Hondo

Town	Market Town	Village



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"Edge city" is an American term for a concentration of business, shopping, and entertainment outside a traditional urban area in what had recently been a residential suburb or semi-rural community. The term was popularized in the 1991 book *Edge City: Life on the New Frontier* by Joel Garreau, who established its current meaning while working as a reporter for the Washington Post. Garreau argues that the edge city has become the standard form of urban growth worldwide, representing a 20th-century urban form unlike that of the 19th-century central downtown. Other terms for the areas include suburban activity centers, megacenters, and suburban business districts.

Garreau established five rules for a place to be considered an edge city:

It must be characterized by more jobs than bedrooms.	It must be perceived by the population as one place.	It must have had no urban characteristics 30 years earlier.
It must have more than five million square feet (465,000 m ²) of office space. Such an area can accommodate between 20,000 and 50,000 office workers - as many as some traditional downtowns.	It must have more than 600,000 square feet (56,000 m ²) of retail space, the size of a medium shopping mall. This ensures that the edge city is a center of recreation and commerce as well as of office work.	

Most edge cities develop at or near existing or planned freeway intersections, and are especially likely to develop near major airports. They rarely include heavy industry. They often are not separate legal entities but are governed as part of surrounding counties (this is more often the case in the East than in the Midwest, South, or West). They are numerous—almost 200 in the United States, compared to 45 downtowns of comparable size—and are large geographically because they are built at automobile scale.

San Antonio Edge Cities	
San Antonio Airport Area/410, TX	South Texas Medical Center Area, TX

Three distinct varieties of the edge city phenomenon:

Boomburbs – The most common type, having developed incrementally around a shopping mall or highway interchange.	Greenfields – Having been master-planned as new towns, generally on the suburban fringe. Relating to previously undeveloped sites for commercial development or exploitation
Uptowns – Historic activity centers built over an older city or town (sometimes a satellite city).	

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2. Define edge city:	3. Who coined the term "edge city"?	4. What are other terms for an edge city?
Edge Cities must...		Edge Cities must...
5. have more _____ than bedrooms.		8. have more than _____ sq. ft. of office space
6. be perceived by people as _____ place.		9. have more than _____ sq. ft. of retail space
7. have no urban characteristics in the last _____ years.		
10. What do edge cities typically develop near or around?	11. What are two examples of edge cities in San Antonio?	12. What are the three types of edge cities?