

How Landforms Affect Human Life

Chapter 3: Landforms and Life · Topic 2

Key Concept

People in plains often engage in farming due to fertile soil, while people in mountainous regions might rely on terrace farming, tourism, or animal herding.

Coastal areas often support fishing, trade, and port-based industries, since access to the sea provides opportunities for these activities.

Landforms also affect transportation - mountains can make building roads and railways difficult, while flat plains allow easier and cheaper infrastructure development.

Understanding how landforms affect human life helps us see why certain regions develop specific industries, cultures, and population patterns.

Quick Revision Notes

- Plains support farming due to fertile soil.
- Mountains often lead to terrace farming, tourism or herding.
- Coastal areas support fishing, trade and ports.
- Landforms affect transportation options.
- Mountains make roads and railways harder to build.
- Plains allow easier infrastructure development.
- Landforms shape regional industries and cultures.
- Landforms influence population patterns.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss how your region's landform affects local occupations.
- 2 Research an example of terrace farming.
- 3 Discuss why coastal cities often have ports.
- 4 Explain why mountain roads are harder to build.
- 5 Compare life in a plain region and a mountain region.
- 6 Draw a picture showing an activity suited to a specific landform.