

**AP<sup>®</sup> HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
2001 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 2**

**Overall: 3 points** possible for each of three discussions. Pick the best two elements/discussions that a student offers in a response.

<b>3 points</b>	Good discussion of any two major elements
<b>2 points</b>	Good discussion of one major element and one other element; OR good discussion of two other elements; OR limited discussion of two major elements
<b>1 point</b>	Discussion of one major element OR discussion of one other element
<b>0 point</b>	No major elements or other elements discussed

**2. (a) Transportation**

Major elements:

- Freeways and transport corridors increased accessibility to the suburbs for individuals OR freeways opened up large areas of cheap land for development of low-cost housing by developers
- Cars became more affordable, greater availability/access

Other elements:

- Decline of street car system
- Multiplier effect with commerce decentralizing (relocation outside of central business district)

**2. (b) Housing**

Major elements:

- Affordability due to organization of production: large developers could purchase land, materials, designs at cheaper unit costs, and they could subcontract (in 1949 70 percent of new homes were constructed by 10 percent of the companies)
- Affordability improved due to “methods”: prefab, assembled on site, division of labor into crews that cut labor costs, speed of production
- Financing easier to obtain — quick system, plus federal guarantees (FHA-insured mortgage and 1944 GI Bill)

Other elements:

- Tax codes that favor construction of new buildings rather than rehab of old buildings (and loan programs that favored new construction not repairs/upgrades)

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**2. (c) Landscape Preferences**

Major elements:

- An anti big city feeling: escape the built environment and its density, pollution, congestion; rural idyll is the opposite
- Desire for large home size — ranch style design as indicative of expansionist mood
- Desire for single family
- Suburbs as seen in popular culture (e.g., images in media, “the American way”)

Other elements:

- Desire for an ethnically homogenous and conformist landscape
- Desire for large yard/lot size

**2. (d) Social and demographic trends**

Major elements:

- Baby boomers provided demographic demand for housing expansion (market-led)
- Nuclear family in demographic terms
- “Model” family units (replaced extended family ideal); i.e., social construction of the family
- Male as primary bread winner norm encouraged by GI Bill (wage); accompanied by women as homemakers, placing of women in suburbs (cult of domesticity)

Other elements:

- White flight and, more generally, desire of ethnic/race groups to flock together
- Middle class value children’s education and view inner cities as providing inferior product