

## LOS ANGELES FROM THE AIR

### SYNOPSIS:

This is an over-all view of the geography and development of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, using aerial photography, animation and historical photographs. The film shows the basic topography of the area, the pattern of early growth, and the nature of the Central District and the Suburbs. It points out key problems of transportation and water supply and emphasizes the great variety of economy, recreation, cultural opportunities and ways of living which underlies the rapid growth of this area.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a map of the block where your school is located; explain the use of aerial perspective in map-making. Compare your map with a large-scale map of a portion of the city.
2. Study a map of Central Los Angeles. Locate the old Plaza, the Civic Center, Downtown, Hollywood, Wilshire and the Industrial Districts.
3. Study a map of the Metropolitan Area. Point out the major topographical features. Locate the major suburban areas, the agricultural districts and the harbor.
4. Review the history and early development of Los Angeles and the harbor.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What kind of buildings are found in the Civic Center; in the Downtown District?
2. What changes are taking place in these districts? How have the Freeways speeded these changes?
3. Discuss the differences between the Central part of the metropolis and the suburbs.
4. What solutions are being planned for the major problems of growth in Los Angeles?
5. Discuss the varieties of community services, ways of living and recreational opportunities of this area.
6. Discuss the variety of job opportunities and the economy of this area.
7. How has the development of the harbor been important to Los Angeles and Southern California?
8. Discuss the importance of variety of opportunity to the growth of a city.

### EXTENDED CONCEPTS:

1. Compare the topography of Los Angeles with other large and some smaller cities. What relations can you see between the topography and the size and nature of the various cities?
2. Compare the founding of Los Angeles with other cities. Where do cities generally develop?
3. Compare the urban re-development of Los Angeles with other large cities. What do they have in common?
4. Compare the pattern of the Los Angeles area — the center and the suburbs — with other metropolitan areas.

### VOCABULARY:

metropolitan area	industrial district	freeway	Plaza	breakwater
central district	civic center	aqueduct	recreation	observatory
exploding city	annex	Miracle Mile	suburb	residential

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