**IV. Urbanization**

A. Population Shift

* **Urbanization –**
* **2008 –**
* **Rural –**
* **Urban –**
* Urbanization began during the 1800s as people moved to cities for jobs in factories
* Urbanization is occurring most quickly in Asia and Africa today

B. Challenges of Urbanization

* Rapid urbanization has created challenges in many of the poorer countries in the world
* Simply growing too fast
* Makes it difficult to provide jobs, housing, and other services
* **Slums –** Poor and overcrowded urban areas
* Many people lack adequate housing
* Also lack the basic necessities of life such as food and water
* Urbanization also create challenges in rich countries
* **Suburbs –**
* **Suburban Sprawl –**
* As suburbs grow they replace farmland with urban areas
* City governments are required to manage a larger area
* Most people living in suburbs commute to work
* Results in increased energy use and increased pollution