Classifying Large Cities

Identifying the World’s larger cities
Gateway City

• A city that controls a, or acts as a control center for a much larger area.
  – Ex. St Louis as the Gateway to the West
Primate City

• A city that is more than 2 times the size of all the other cities in the country or region
  – Ex. Bangkok, Thailand
Megacity

• Any city that is over 10 million people
  – Ex. Sao Paulo, Brazil
Megalopolis

• Two or more urban centers that mold together to form one continuous urban area
  – Ex. BosNyWash Corridor
World City

- A city with international prestige and importance as an economic or cultural centers
  - Ex. London, England