

Table 14.5

## Summary of sociological perspectives: Cities and Suburbs

	Functional	Conflict/Feminist	Interactionist
<b>Explanation of urbanization and its social problems</b>	This perspective focuses on the weakening of social bonds and the functions and dysfunctions of urbanization.	Both perspectives focus on how cities are formed on the basis of racial, gender, or class inequalities.	City living is a state of mind. Urban living and its related social problems are socially defined.
<b>Questions asked about urbanization and its social problems</b>	<p>How does urbanization enhance or destroy our social bonds?</p> <p>In what ways does urbanization affect existing institutions such as churches, families, and schools?</p> <p>How can we strengthen our social bonds?</p>	<p>Do one's race, gender, and social class determine the quality of urban living?</p> <p>How can we address the needs of all urban dwellers?</p> <p>How does one urban group gain power over the others?</p>	<p>How is urban living defined?</p> <p>How can we establish common ideas on urban life and its social problems?</p>