LC – Can I decide where best to build a city?

Activity 1

You are an **early settler** before the times of nice homes with running water and heating. During the times of early settlement, there was no electricity, cars, machinery or anything modern at all. What **natural** factors would influence where you would build your **settlement**?

Thinking questions:
There is no running water, bricks, internet, electricity etc. • Where are you going to get water from? Think…nearby lake or river? • Where are you going to get heat for cooking and keeping warm? How would you make a fire? Remember no gas! • Where are you going to get building materials? Remember there were no bricks in those days!!! • What does the land need to be like to build on? Would you need to build on flat or rocky land? Think of a stable foundation. • How are you going to get food? Think….what lives in a forest or lake/river you could eat? What grows in a forest that could make a tasty treat?
Now read this example and write your reasons:
Example: Building materials - I would consider building my house where I can find materials to build it. I would like to be near a rocky hillside so that I use stone to build my house.
Shelter-
Protection
Water
Wood
River
Flat land

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Activity 2

Imagine you are an **early settler (e.g. Roman)** and are looking for a place to live.

1. **Look at the images on the powerpoint and write down the natural advantages (good site factors and disadvantages (bad site factors).**
2. **Can you now decide and explain which site you would choose?**

Picture	Advantages (good site factors)	Disadvantages (bad site factors)
A		
B		
C		
D		