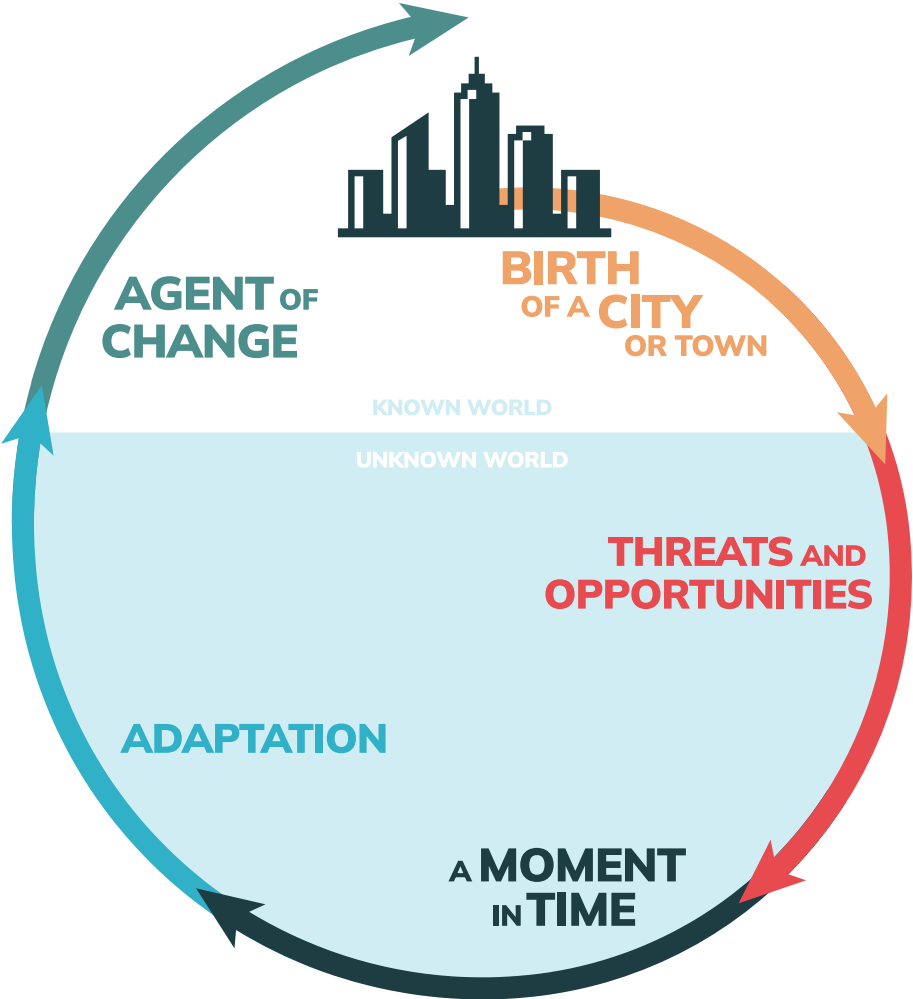


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- Where is the place in your city you find joy, peace, and belonging?

## THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- What stories have you heard about the difficulties and opportunities that your city has faced?

## A MOMENT IN TIME

- Describe a crisis or opportunity that changed the future of your city.

## ADAPTATION

- How has your city overcome its toughest challenges and built on its opportunities?

## AGENT OF CHANGE

- How has your city been influenced by geography, migration, immigration, trade, religion, or artistic work?
- For better or worse, how has your city influenced you through education, religion, social communities, and business? Has it hindered you in any way? If so, how?
- In what ways might you join with others to contribute to the welfare and success of your city?

## A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

- While cities can be a place of beauty and creative energy, they also can be places of evil and violence. The prophet Jeremiah witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. When things seemed hopeless he wrote words of hope in God's love and faithfulness. What gives you hope when things seem hopeless?
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