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: of, relating to, characteristic of, or constituting a city

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#### Origin of URBAN

Latin *urbanus*, from *urbs* city

First Known Use: 1619

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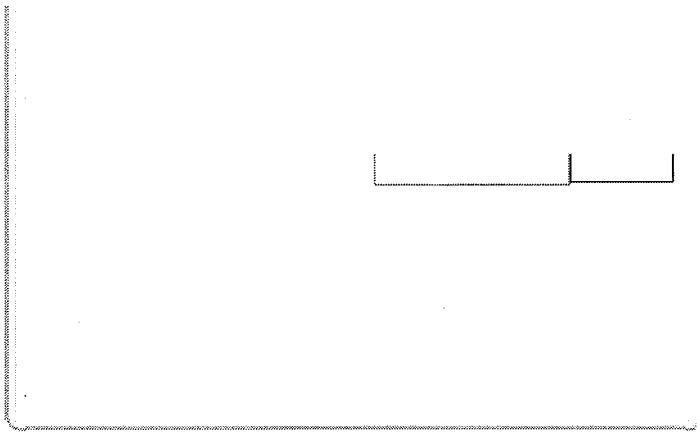
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