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## Visitor Balance Study

**Directions:** Read the reflection prompt and respond thoughtfully in complete sentences. Use clear reasoning and evidence from your knowledge of Amsterdam and tourism.

***Overtourism in Amsterdam:*** Amsterdam is one of Europe's most visited cities, known for its historic canals, museums, bike culture, and vibrant neighborhoods. However, the rise in tourism has placed pressure on local communities. Crowded streets, rising housing costs, and noise in residential areas make daily life more difficult for longtime residents. At the same time, tourism supports jobs, businesses, and cultural sites. City leaders are searching for ways to protect neighborhood identity while still welcoming visitors. Your task is to reflect on the challenges and opportunities connected to overtourism and propose ideas that support both residents and travelers.

1. Describe two negative impacts of overtourism on Amsterdam's neighborhoods.
2. Explain two benefits that tourism brings to the city.
3. Why is it difficult for Amsterdam to limit tourism without harming local businesses?
4. What strategies might help protect neighborhood culture while still allowing visitors?
5. Which strategy do you think would be most successful, and why?
6. In your opinion, how can residents and tourists share the city respectfully?