

The Silicon Valley Answer Key

1. Technology industries such as software development, device manufacturing, and digital tool creation.
2. It grew because it had strong universities, skilled workers, and investment opportunities.
3. They develop new ideas and support innovation that companies can turn into products.
4. They come for opportunities in engineering, computer science, and entrepreneurship.
5. Answers will vary.

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce students to the concept of economic regions and discuss examples they already know.
- Read the case study together and pause to highlight key terms such as innovation or entrepreneurship.
- Encourage students to annotate the paragraphs by underlining reasons for the region's growth.

Differentiation Tips

- Offer a brief glossary for key economic terms for students who need vocabulary support.
- Provide sentence starters for guided prompts.
- Challenge advanced learners to add a short paragraph comparing Silicon Valley to another economic region like the Sun Belt or Rust Belt.

Engagement Ideas

- Hold a quick class discussion about how technology influences students' daily lives.
- Invite students to brainstorm inventions they would launch if they lived in Silicon Valley.