A) An urbanized territory organized by important metropolis

	The « Megalopolis » (made up of more 40 millions people) = a political , economic and financial centre in the globalized world
	New York : « global city », heartland of the globalization
	First rank world cities : Chicago and Los Angeles
•	First rank world cities : Washington, Dallas, San Francisco, Houston, Miami
•	Other important cities (more than 1 million people)
[]	New developping megalopolis : Californian Megalopolis (San- San), Main Street America, Metrolina, Pugetopolis
	Major technological and scientific parks : Silicon Valley (1), Road 128 (2), Research Triangle Park (3)
B) Flows and communications	
\rightarrow	Main human and financial flows
\$	Main hubs (gateways of the territory)
C) An opened territory thanks to its coastlines and borders	
	Oceanic openings
	Main harbors
	Dynamic borders (especially with NAFTA since 1994)
-	Flows of foreign workers
↔	Main international flows (investments, goods)



