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**EXPLORE CITIES AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT IN
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Thousand Oaks, California, London, United Kingdom, New Delhi, India (SEPTEMBER 5, 2006) – “Urban history” is a phenomenon of post-World War II study, but it wasn’t until the 1970s that the field generated a body of research significant enough to need its own scholarly journal. Today, a generation after path-breaking scholarship re-oriented and enlightened our perception of the American city, SAGE Reference presents the unprecedented ***Encyclopedia of American Urban History***.

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