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Exploring the Vibrant Cities of Pennsylvania

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Pittsburgh played a significant role in the steel industry, becoming known as the "Steel City." Today, it has transformed into a modern city with a focus on technology, education, and culture. The decline of the steel industry led to a diversification of the city's economy, with healthcare, education, and robotics sectors thriving.
2. Erie is unique among Pennsylvania cities due to its location on Lake Erie. This proximity allows it to offer beautiful beaches, water sports, and fishing opportunities, making it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts. The city also has a maritime history, with the Erie Maritime Museum showcasing its connection to the lake and maritime activities.
3. Allentown and Scranton both have industrial backgrounds, with Allentown known for Mack Trucks manufacturing and Scranton for coal mining. Allentown has Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom as a notable attraction, while Scranton is famous for inspiring the TV show "The Office" and features the Electric City Trolley Museum.
4. Answers will vary based on personal preferences, but students should provide reasons for choosing a specific city and include attractions or activities they would like to experience during their visit.

