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Plains and Plateaus: Exploring the Differences

Short Answer Key

1. Plains have smooth, level terrain that is ideal for agriculture because it allows for easy farming practices and irrigation.
2. Plateaus can form through geological forces such as tectonic uplift or volcanic activity.
3. An example of a famous plateau is the Colorado Plateau in the United States, known for its unique red rock formations and canyons.
4. Elevation distinguishes plains from plateaus, with plains at lower elevations and plateaus at higher elevations.
5. An example of a human settlement on a plateau is the city of Quito, Ecuador, strategically located on the Andean Plateau for its natural defenses.

