

MAKING A COMPARISON CHART

CONTINENTAL DIVIDES

Use the World in Focus tables (pp. 20-29) to find each continent's richest and poorest country (in per

capita GDP). Write in each country's name, then fill in the blank data boxes. We have done some for you.

RICHEST COUNTRY	PER CAPITA GDP	POPULATION	DATE OF ORIGIN	LITERACY RATE (M/F, in %)	LIFE EXPECTANCY (M/F, in years)
N. America:					75/81
S. America: Chile			1810		
Africa:					
Europe:	\$80,500				
Asia:				89/89	
Oceania:		21,300,000			
POOREST COUNTRY	PER CAPITA GDP	POPULATION	DATE OF ORIGIN	LITERACY RATE (M/F, in %)	LIFE EXPECTANCY (M/F, in years)
N. America:		9,100,000			
S. America:	\$3,800				
Africa:				94/87	
Europe:			2008		
Asia:					
Oceania: Tuvalu					62/65

QUESTIONS (Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.)

- Which is the world's wealthiest country? Does it exceed the U.S. in any other category?
- How far apart (in dollars) are the per capita GDPs of the wealthiest country and the United States?
- How far apart (in dollars) are the per capita GDPs of the two poorest countries shown?
- In which category other than GDP does another wealthy country exceed the U.S.?
- Guyana, one of the poorest countries, exceeds half of the wealthy ones in which category?
- Of the countries shown, how many became independent during the 19th century?
- Which country listed has the most recent date of origin?
- Which gender and in which country has the lowest literacy rate?
- The poorest country is also the worst-off in which category?
- What conditions or events might contribute to a country ranking so low in that category?