

Overview

Students assess the five conditions for economic growth in an assigned country, present their findings in an infographic, and discuss patterns they discover.

Length

Two–three classes

Instructional Plan

1. Review the video “What Is Development?” together, noting in particular the five conditions for economic growth—peace and stability, education, access to capital, rule of law, and opportunity.
2. Assign students, individually or in pairs or small groups, countries at a variety of levels of development. For example, try to draw roughly equally for each of the four columns below:

High Income	Upper Middle Income	Lower Middle Income	Low Income
Finland	Botswana	Egypt	Afghanistan
Israel	Jamaica	Honduras	Democratic Republic of Congo
Japan	Jordan	India	Ethiopia
South Korea	Kazakhstan	Kenya	Haiti
Spain	Russia	Nigeria	Liberia
United Kingdom	South Africa	Philippines	North Korea
United States	Thailand	Sri Lanka	Sierra Leone
Uruguay	Turkey	Ukraine	Yemen

3. Ask students to create an infographic that assesses their assigned country in terms of the five conditions for economic growth. You will probably find it helpful to review some sample infographics together and discuss what makes them effective.
4. Have students share their work and discuss whether they see any patterns between how developed a country is and how it rates under each of the five conditions for economic growth.