

GapMinder Activity

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Study the chart in your groups, answer the following questions.

1. Outliers from the trend line are rare: the upper left portion and lower right portion of the chart are almost empty. What does this mean?
2. Regions (color-coded) are often grouped together. This is especially true of Africa and Europe. What does this mean?
3. Asia seems to be an exception to the grouping with countries all along the trend line. What might explain this?
4. Students may ask about countries like Lesotho, Swaziland, Central African Republic, North Korea, Equatorial Guinea, or Qatar. These countries are located somewhat off the trend line. Why?
5. What factors might differentiate countries along the same vertical or horizontal axes (for example, along the vertical axis that separates level 3 from level 4, why might Russia have a much lower life expectancy than Greece?)

The Economics of Income: The Rich Nations Mystery

Directions: Use the information found in the GapMinder Graph to answer the following questions.

1. Find the six countries from the previous activity on this chart. Does their position on the chart reinforce or make you rethink your original conclusions? If so, how?
2. Does this information make you think any differently about GDP, per capita GDP, and standard of living? If so, how?
3. List 4 conclusions that your group was able to make from examining this chart.