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Economic Sectors and International Development

1. Do countries with a high poverty rate concentrate their resources in one sector? If so, in which sector are they concentrated?

2. If you find that there is a pattern to the relationship between poverty rates and allocation into economic sectors, why do you think that relationship exists? If there is not any pattern to how countries with high poverty rates concentrate resources, what other explanations might account for these high poverty rates?

3. Is there a pattern to the geographic distribution of countries with high poverty rates and low poverty rates? Why might such a pattern exist?

4. Go to the CIA Wordfact Book at <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> and research additional countries to see if your hypotheses from question 2 and question 3 hold true for additional countries or not. Click on the name of a country to view the data, click on "economy" to move to the data about poverty and GDP by sector.
