



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

Country and Culture Profile Worksheet

COUNTRY

STUDENT

SCHOOL

■ Overview

1. Full name of country (*Egypt, for example, is The Arab Republic of Egypt*):

2. What is the origin of the name of your country?

3. Does the name describe the country in any way?

4. Location (list continent, bordering countries and bodies of water):

5. How does your country's geography affect its political relationships?

6. What is your country's capital city? _____

7. Describe your country's flag:

■ People

Official language(s): _____

Other languages spoken: _____

Population: _____

Major ethnic group(s):

Describe any specific cultural characteristics of these ethnic groups:

Major Religions (give percentages): _____ %; _____ %;

_____ %; _____ %; _____ %

■ Education

At what age do children begin school? _____

How many years, on average, do they attend? _____

Is education free and/or a requirement of all citizens? _____

What percent of the population is literate? (Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write.)

How many colleges or universities does your country have? What are the admission/attrition rates?

Describe one interesting fact that you have learned about education in this country:

■ Health

1. How long do people live, on average, in your country? (*This is called "life expectancy."*)

(Women) _____ (Men) _____

2. What is your country's birth rate? Birth rate is defined as the number of child births per 1,000 women:

3. What is your country's maternal mortality rate (MMR)? This is defined as the number of maternal deaths per 100,000 births.

4. What is your country's infant mortality rate (IMR)? The IMR is defined as the number of infants dying before one year of age divided by the number of births that year.

5. What are the major infectious diseases in your country?

6. What is the HIV/AIDS infection rate?

■ Government

1. What form of government does your country have? _____

2. Research and define this form of government:

3. Who is the current leader? _____

4. What is his/her title? _____

5. How is s/he elected or appointed? _____

6. What is the name of your country's legislative body? _____

(*Example: The name of the United States' legislative body is Congress.*)

7. What types of beliefs (*political, religious or other*) influence your country's government?

8. What domestic issues might influence your country's foreign policy?

■ Economy

1. What do the letters GDP stand for? G _____ D _____ P _____

2. What is your country's GDP? _____
How does it compare to the GDPs of other countries in the region?

3. What is your country's growth rate? (*Growth rate is defined as the change in population overtime.*)

4. How much money is spent on defense (*annually, quarterly, etc.*)?

What percentage of the total budget does this represent? _____%

5. How much money is spent on education (*annually, quarterly, etc.*)?

What percentage of the total budget does this represent? _____%

6. What is an **export** and an **import**?

7. List your country's major exports:

8. List your country's major imports:

9. Define the term **trading partner**:

10. Who are your country's major trading partners?

11. Write a brief description of the current economic conditions in your country:

■ Environment

1. Describe your country's climate:

2. What environmental problems does your country face?

3. What solutions has your country implemented or proposed to address environmental issues?

4. What are your country's most important natural resources?

5. What are your country's main energy sources?

■ History

1. Who are your country's historic allies?

2. Who are your country's historic enemies?

3. Was your country ever subjected to colonial rule? _____

If so, by which country? _____

In what year did your country become independent? _____

4. Did your country ever colonize another country? If so, which country(ies)?

For how long? _____

5. What are some major events in your country's history? Why are they important?

■ United Nations

1. When did your country become a member of the UN? _____

2. Does your country owe any payments/dues to the UN? _____

3. Has the UN ever intervened in a conflict involving your country? If yes, where and how?

4. How does your country contribute to UN peacekeeping?

5. Has the UN ever cited your country for human rights violations? If yes, when and why?

6. Does your country belong to any intergovernmental organizations outside of the UN system, such as the North Atlantic Trade Organization (NATO) or the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?

7. Does your country belong to any regional organizations such as the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU) or the Organization of American States (OAS)?

8. Does your country belong to any trade organizations or agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) or the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)?

■ Activity

Draw your country's flag:

