

# Countries Comparison

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The purpose of this assignment is to have you become more familiar with other countries of the world and to use statistical information as a basis for insightful analysis. In order to obtain the necessary information you will be using the CIA World Factbook found at [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov) you have accumulated all the information, use the data to draw conclusions about Canada's position in the world.

## Instructions

1. access the CIA World Factbook to fill-in the enclosed chart. You must select 6 different countries which must include the following (Canada, and one each from the following regions: Central/South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania). Get more out of this assignment by selecting countries that you are unfamiliar with. Each of your selections must be an independent nation. Check with me if you are not sure.
2. Prepare a map of the world that has each of your selected countries properly labelled.
3. Prepare separate bar graphs (4 in total) for the following categories (make sure that all six countries appear in each of your graphs)
  - a. GDP per capita
  - b. unemployment rate
  - c. external debt
  - d. military expenditures as a % of GDP
4. Have an insightful look at all of the information and draw conclusions about Canada in comparison to the rest of the world. How does Canada compare to other nations? Are we really better off? Are there areas in which Canada needs to improve? What other information do you think would help make a better analysis? Where could this information be obtained? Discuss any information that you found exceptionally interesting, for example something you did not know or did not expect to discover. Fully explain all of your rationale. (One page minimum is required for this section).
5. All four components (chart, map, 4 graphs, analysis) must be handed in together with an accompanying title page.

# Countries Comparison Chart



Category	Canada					
Location	North America	Latin America	Europe	Asia	Africa	Oceania
Area (sq km)						
Climate (° and mm)						
Natural Resources						
Arable Land (%)						
Environmental Issues						
Population						
Growth Rate						
Ethnic Groups						
Religions						
Languages						
Literacy Rate						
Government Type						
Legal System						
Suffrage						

<b>Category</b>	<b>Canada</b>					
GDP per Capita						
GDP Composition						
Household Income						
Labour Force by Occupation						
Unemployment Rate						
Major Industries						
Exports						
Imports						
External Debt						
Internet Hosts						
Internet Users						
Radio Stations						
Television Channels						
Military Age						
Military Expenditures (% GDP)						
Transnational Issues						