Developed vs. Developing Countries

Objective: To compare and contrast the USA with other regions of the world regarding economic development.

Tool: CultureGrams, an online interactive database.

Directions:

1. Each group will be assigned a developing region of the world
2. You will make a **comparison table** first, selecting North America and the developing region assigned.
3. You need these categories: POPULATION, REAL GDP (PER CAPITA), ADULT LITERACY (TOTAL), INFANT MORTALITY, LIFE EXPECTANTCY (MALE AND FEMALE), ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, and CO2 EMMISSIONS.
4. Once your table has been created, please save it in an excel spreadsheet. (It may save as a .csv)
5. You will then analyze the data with your group and select the USA and 5 other countries within your assigned region that shows great disparity among the 8 categories above. Which 5 countries will you choose?
6. Next you will select the comparison graph option on the CultureGrams site. Make a **comparison graph** of the USA and the 5 selected countries. This can be printed here in the library or you may choose to print this information at home
7. Homework Extension (Individual Assignment)

Research one current environmental issue for each of the 5 countries your group selected. What predictions can you make about the effect of your chosen environmental issues on each country in the near future? The CIA World Factbook would serve as an excellent online resource to begin your research☺