

Teacher Guide: Rich Nations Mystery

Directions: Read and follow the instructions below for the group activity called Rich Nations Mystery.

1. The class should be divided into six groups of relatively even numbers. Each group will be assigned a country from the following six slides. Each group should be given a poster board or large piece of butcher paper. Each group should be given the “Information Chart” found on slide 6.
 - a. Teachers are encouraged to review the information for each country (found on slides 8-13) so they can start to think about how to guide students towards conclusions.
2. The students will use the resources above to gather specific information on each country (listed on the next slide) related to their demographics, government, and economy and write the answers on the provided paper.
3. The group will then hang their paper in an area of the room designated by the teacher for other students to review. Alternately, the students can leave the paper on a table or large desk.
4. After completing their research, students will go on a “gallery walk” with their group to review each country. At this point, the teacher should give each group an “Analyzing the Data” sheet (found on slide 7) so they can take notes as they walk.
5. After the gallery walk, each group should be given 10-15 minutes to complete the questions on the “Analyzing the Data” sheet.
6. Groups should then be given 5 minutes to share their conclusions with the rest of the class.
7. The teacher should record the country rankings of each group on the board for comparison.