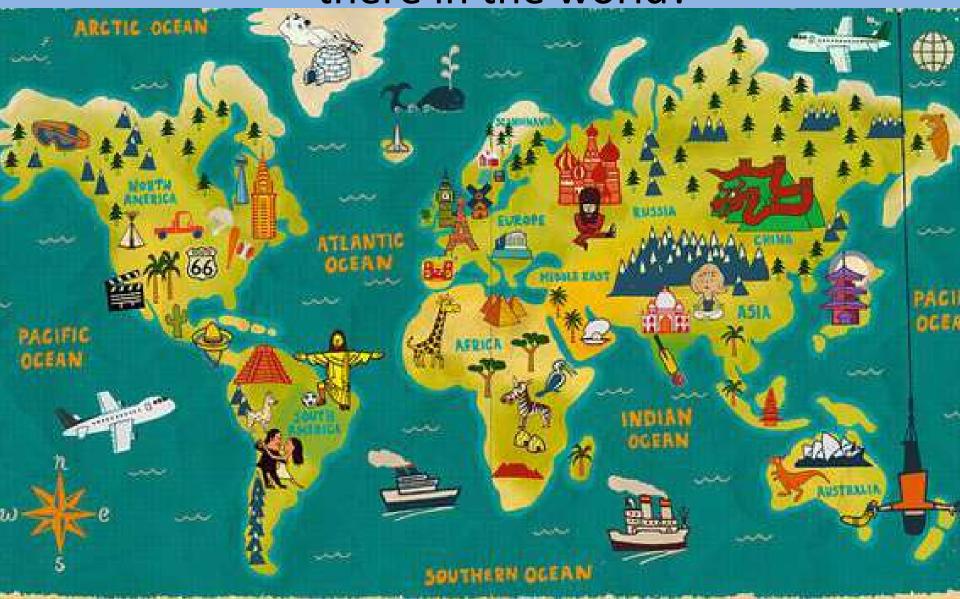


Global Competence in the 21st Century

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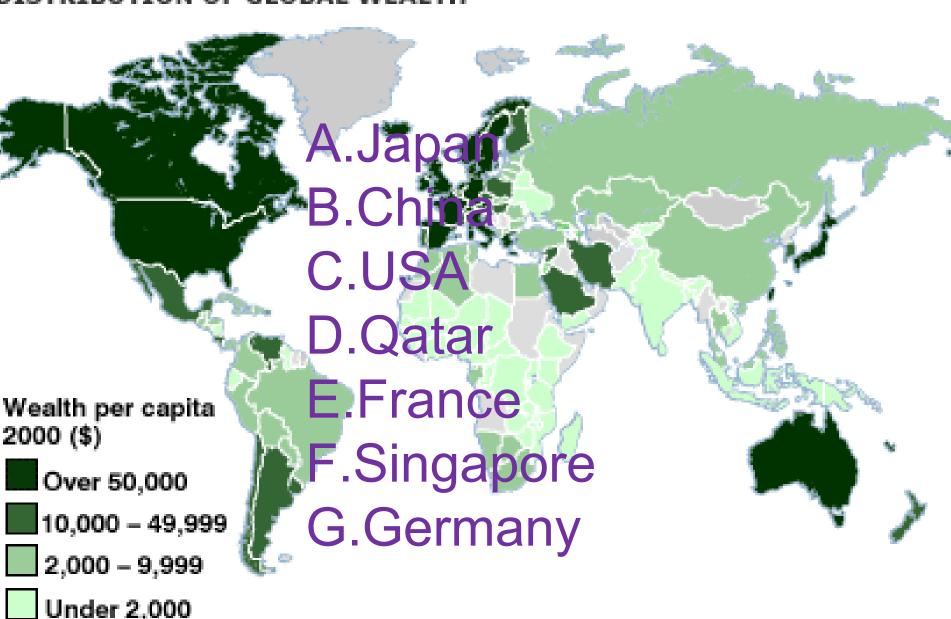


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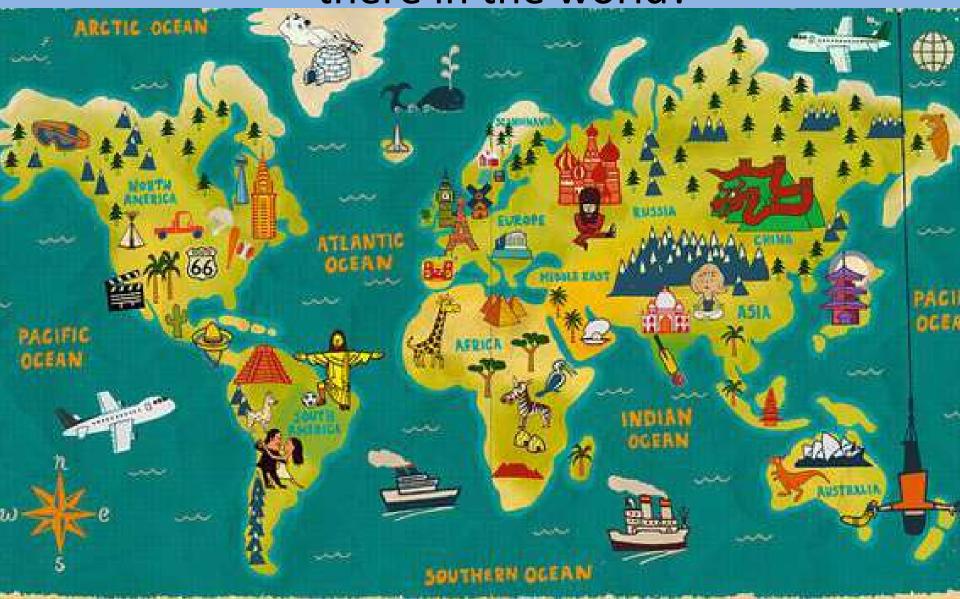


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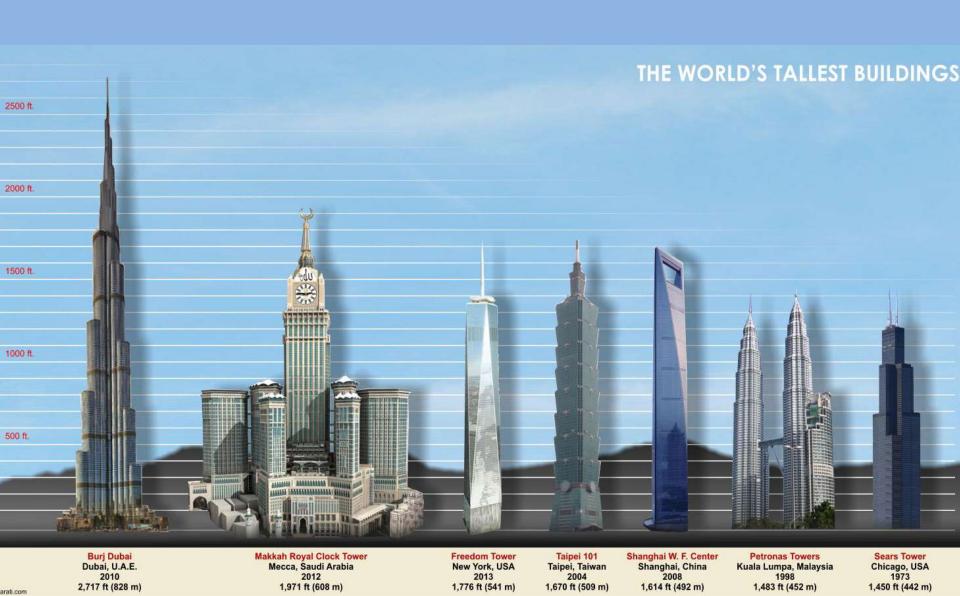


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1,776 ft (541 m)

1,670 ft (509 m)

1,614 ft (492 m)

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1,450 ft (442 m)

2,717 ft (828 m)

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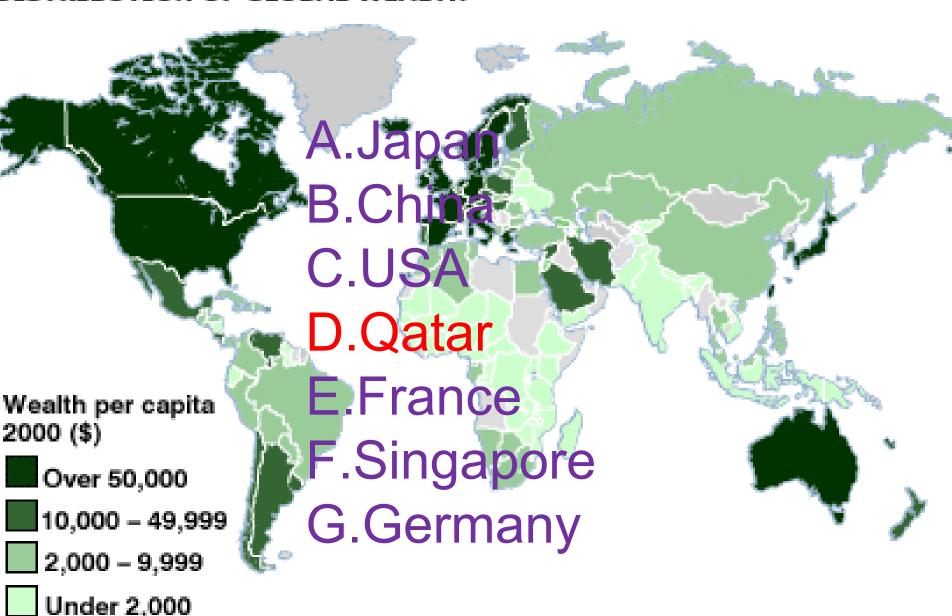
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Wealth = GDP per capita

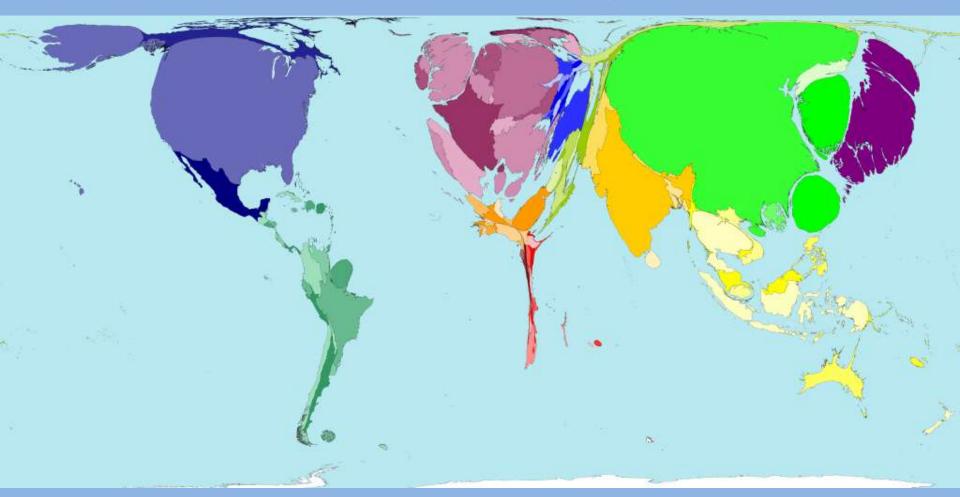
Top 10 Richest Countries in the World



This is our world...

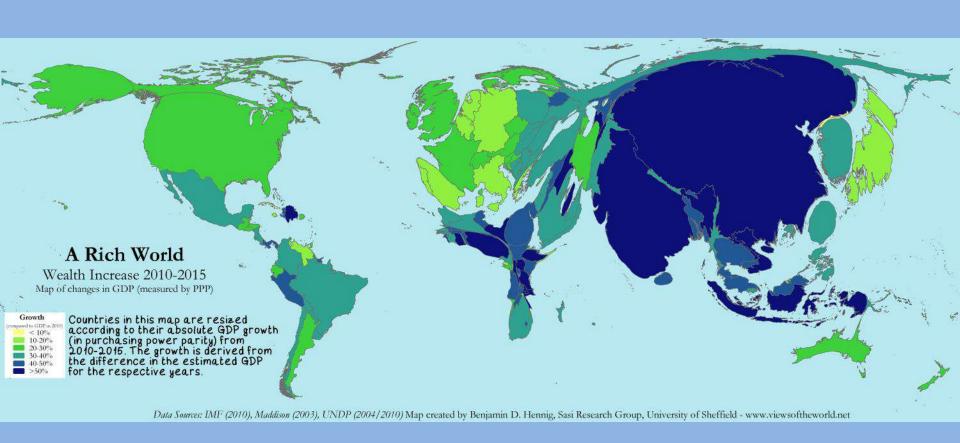


Wealth Distribution (based on overall GDP)



Where is the money NOW?

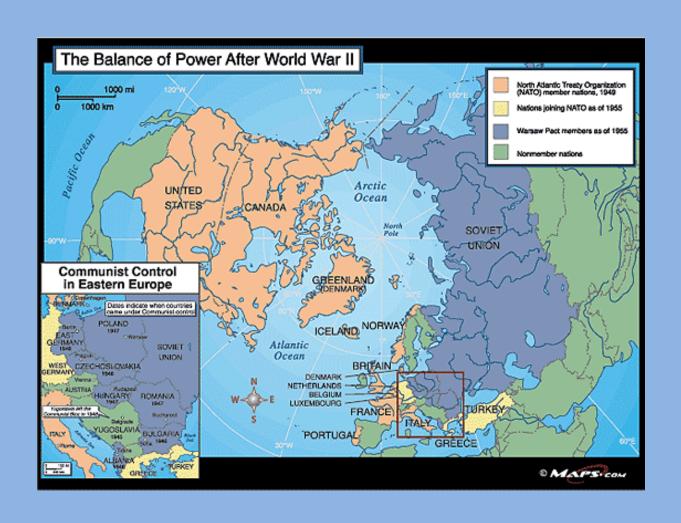
Wealth Distribution



Where is the money GOING to be?



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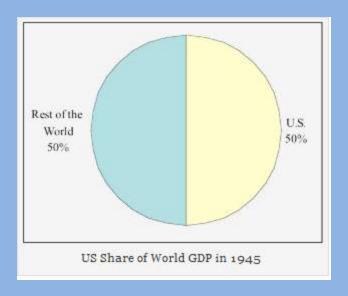


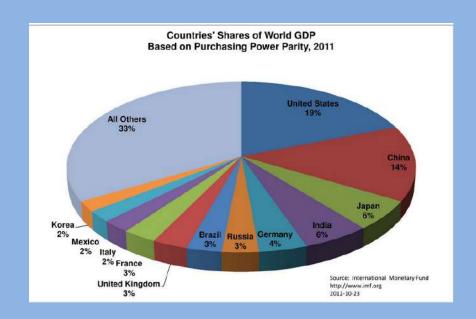
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Today. 2016. After the Recession. - The myth of the "best language"

1945 2011





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Goal: Every student and teacher should be able to answer the following questions:

Student: What is the relevance of the subject you are studying?

Teacher: What is the relevance of the subject you are teaching?

WHY ARE WE HERE?!?!

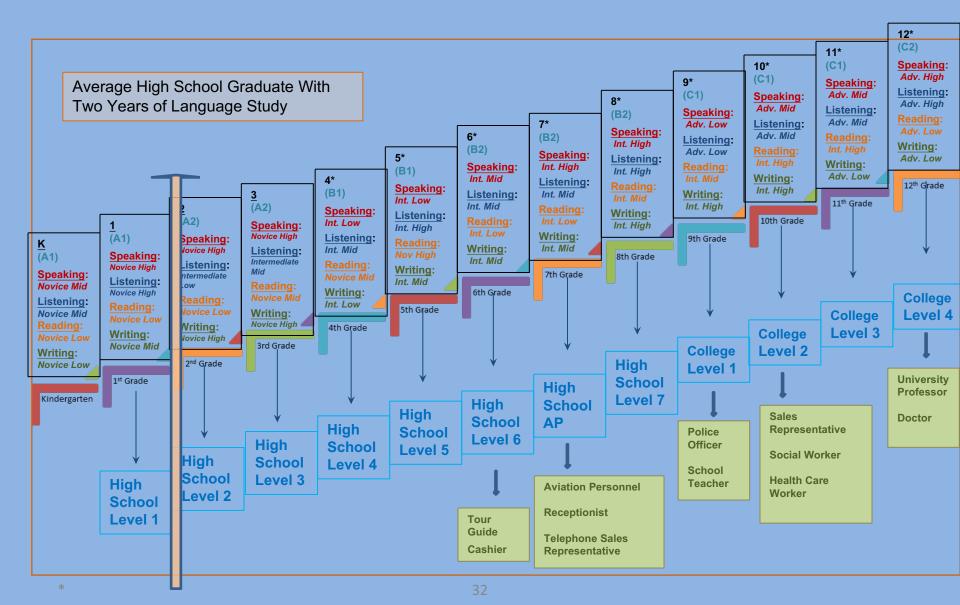




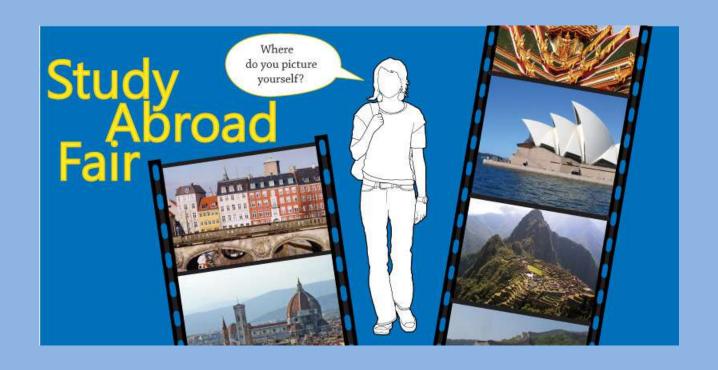
Competitive Advantage

How does your job application or college application get to the top of the pile?

Job One: Real Proficiency



Job one: Get thee overseas....



What is the Most Important Language?

- French
- German
- English
- Mandarin
- Arabic
- Portuguese
- Spanish



Answers

U.S. BusinessPerson



Japanese BusinessPerson

Answers

U.S. BusinessPerson



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Answers

U.S. Business
 Person





Japanese Business Person

The
Language
of the
Customer

Two things

- Foreign Language is a Competitive Advantage
- It's not that the US is doing any worse – it's that other countries are doing well too!



Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt.

-Ludwig Wittgenstein



The borders of my language determine the borders of my world.

-Ludwig Wittgenstein



Language = Life X 2

Language = Life X 2 ... X 3... X 4... X 5...

What is Global Competence?

1.Investigate the World

2. Weigh Perspectives

3.Communicate Ideas

4. Take Action

5. Apply Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Expertise



So where does this leave you?



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