

# Do Now

- Which part of Social Studies is the study of people, places, and the environment?  
A.Economics  
B.Geography  
C.History  
D.Government

# Literacy Rates and the Standard of Living in Europe

SS6G11c. Explain how the literacy rate affects the standard of living in Europe

# Literacy: the ability to read and write

COUNTRY	LITERACY RATE	GDP PER CAPITA
United Kingdom	99%	\$35,100
France	99%	\$33,000
Russia	99%	\$14,700
Germany	98%	\$33,200
Italy	98%	\$30,400

**High rates of literacy are usually found in developed or industrialized countries like most of Europe.**

**Standard of Living = good education, health care, and access to technology**

USUALLY....

 LITERACY =  STANDARD OF LIVING

 LITERACY =  LOWER STANDARD OF LIVING

# Literacy in Europe

## **Most Literate**

**Estonia 99.8%**

**Latvia 99.8%**

**Italy 98.9%**

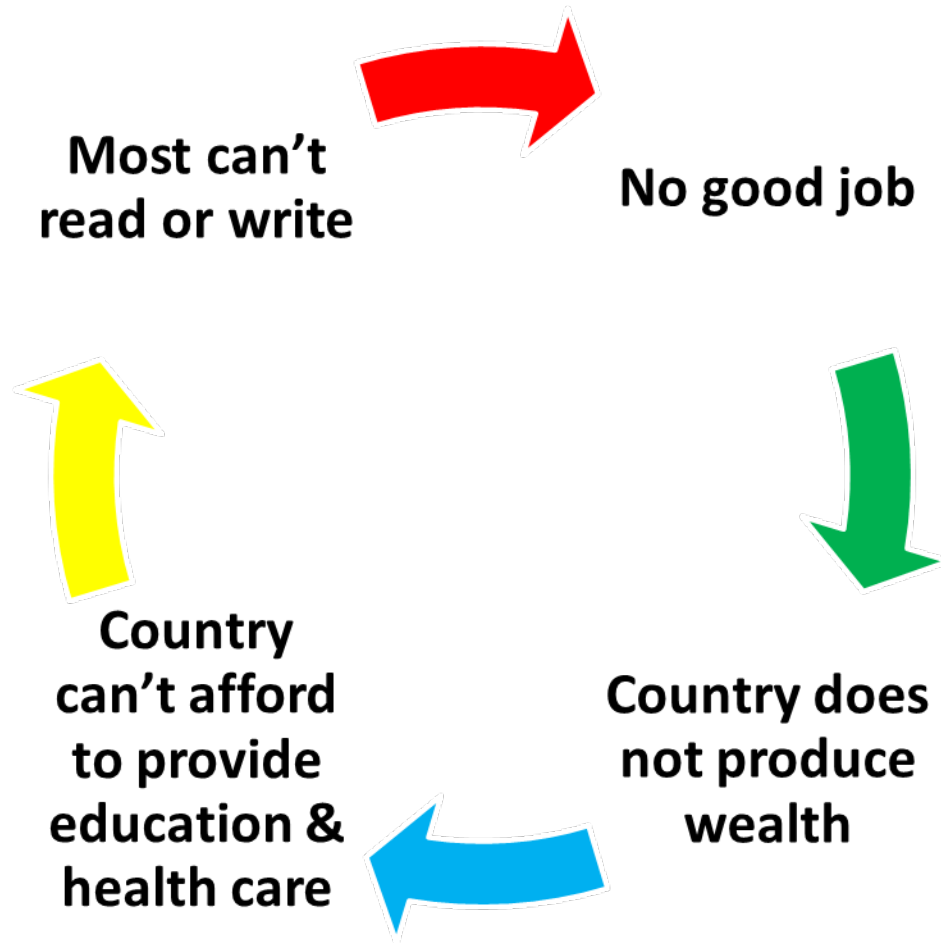
## **Least Literate**

**Turkey 88.7%**

- **High** literacy rates are usually found in **industrialized** countries.
- Industrialized countries depend on **manufacturing** for their wealth.
- They use the wealth to provide education, health care, and access to technology for their citizens.
- They usually have a high standard of living.
- Examples: U.S. & most of Europe

- **Low** literacy rates are usually found in **3<sup>rd</sup> world** countries.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries depend on farming for their wealth.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries are poor, and their people are uneducated.
- Without reading/writing skills, people can't get good jobs or pay for school.

# Vicious Cycle in 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries





# Russia – Doesn't Fit

- **High** literacy rate but **lower** standard of living than rest of Europe
- Why? The government used to **control** the economy, so the GDP was low.
- Changes: government is increasing manufacturing & communications jobs
- People's salaries & standard of living are increasing

- People in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries have
- Little education

- Why does Russia have such a high literacy rate but such a low GDP?
- The government has always required children to be educated, but the economy is not as productive

- A literate person in a developed country is most likely to have all EXCEPT which item?
- Uneducated children