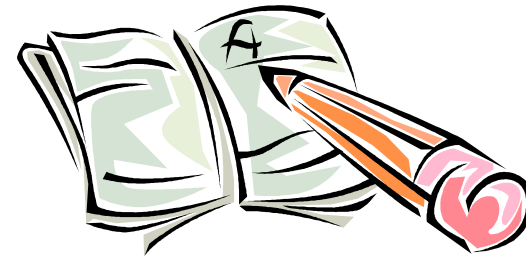




Literacy Rate

How It Impacts the Standard of Living

Journal



On a blank sheet of paper, title it:
“Literacy Rate- Latin America”

Answer the following question:

What would life be like for you if you could not read?

Learning Target



SS6G4 The student will describe the cultural characteristics of people who live in Latin America and the Caribbean.
c. Explain how the literacy rate affects the standard of living in Europe.

Illiteracy in the World

- [Video- Illiteracy in World](#)
- As you watch the video, try to note causes/effects of illiteracy.



Opening

Talk to your neighbor in a super secret whisper about the definitions of literacy and illiteracy.



Teachers

Print off the following page for each student.
They should complete the CLOZE notes
while discussing the presentation.

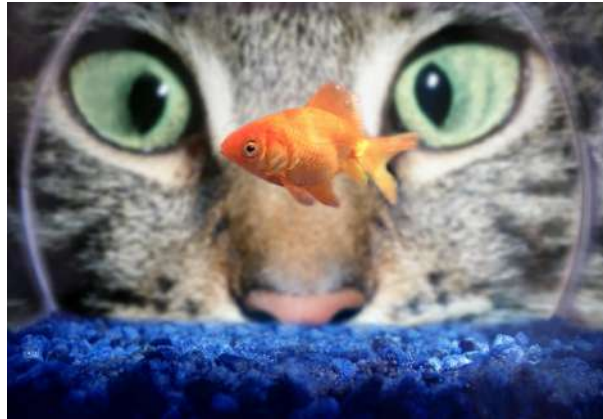


Literacy Rate CLOZE Notes

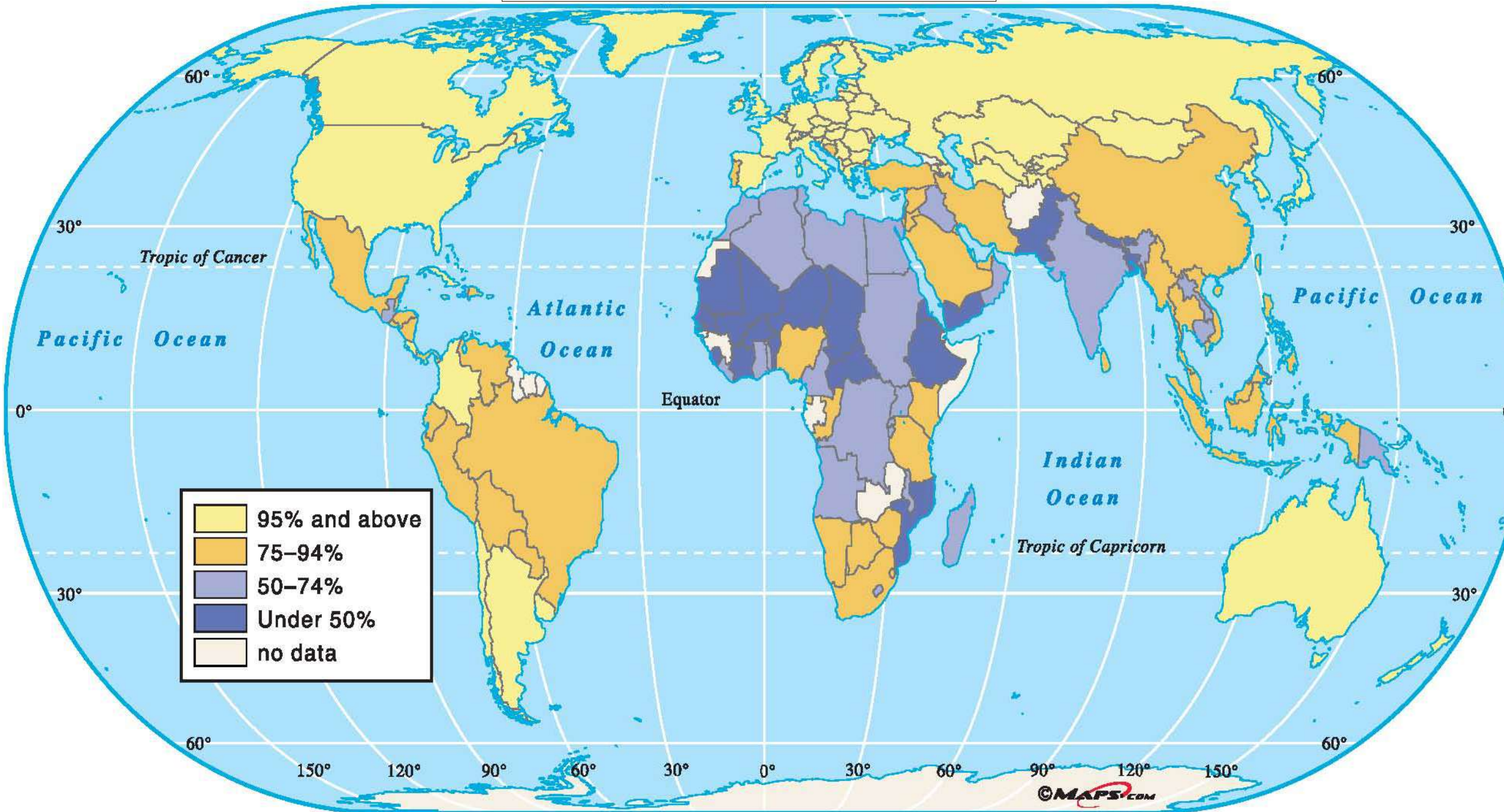
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2. _____ is a major factor in whether a person can _____ and be successful in the workplace.
3. **Literacy rate** is the percentage of a country's population over the _____ that can read and write.
4. Countries with high literacy rates are generally _____.
5. The standard of living ("economic level" achieved by a person, family, or country) is often higher in countries where the literacy rate is _____.
6. Housing, food, health care, _____, and income can be part of the standard of living.
7. A _____ can develop when people cannot get an education.
8. Developing countries are _____, and their people are generally _____.
9. The goal of every country is to have _____ literacy rate among its people.
10. Most European countries have _____ literacy rates.

Directions:

Look at the map and make predictions about what you think it is showing.



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Eckert Equal-Area Projection



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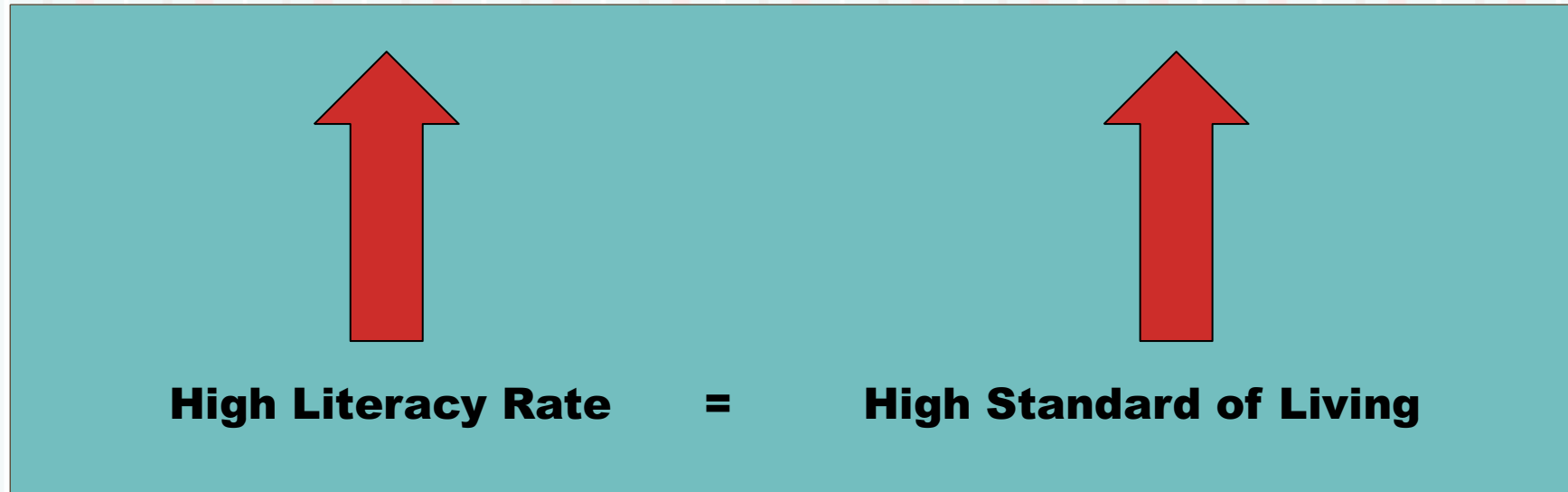
- A **literate** person is one who can read and write.
 - Being literate is a major factor in whether a person can get a job and be successful in the workplace.
- **Literacy rate** is the percentage of a country's population over the age of 15 that can read and write.
- The United States has a very high literacy rate.
 - About 99% of Americans are literate.

Economic Impact

- Countries with high literacy rates are generally wealthier.
 - They can compete in the world economy.
- Having a high literacy rate is important to the success of the people in a country.
- People who can read get better jobs, earn more money, and can afford to buy better things.
 - They can afford housing, food, healthcare, & clothing for their families.

Standard of Living

- The **standard of living** (economic level of the people in the country) is often higher in countries where the literacy rate is high.



Standard of Living

- This measures how well-off the people are in a country.
- Housing, food, health care, educational opportunities, and income can be part of the standard of living.
 - Basically: what it costs a family to live

Cycle of Poverty

- Having basic reading & writing skills is very important.
 - Without skills, workers are stuck in the lowest-paying jobs.
- A cycle of poverty can develop when people cannot get an education.
- Illiterate people are forced to get low-paying jobs, so they cannot get enough money to pay for their children's education...This cycle can continue for generations.
- The standard of living remains low for these families because their education level is low.

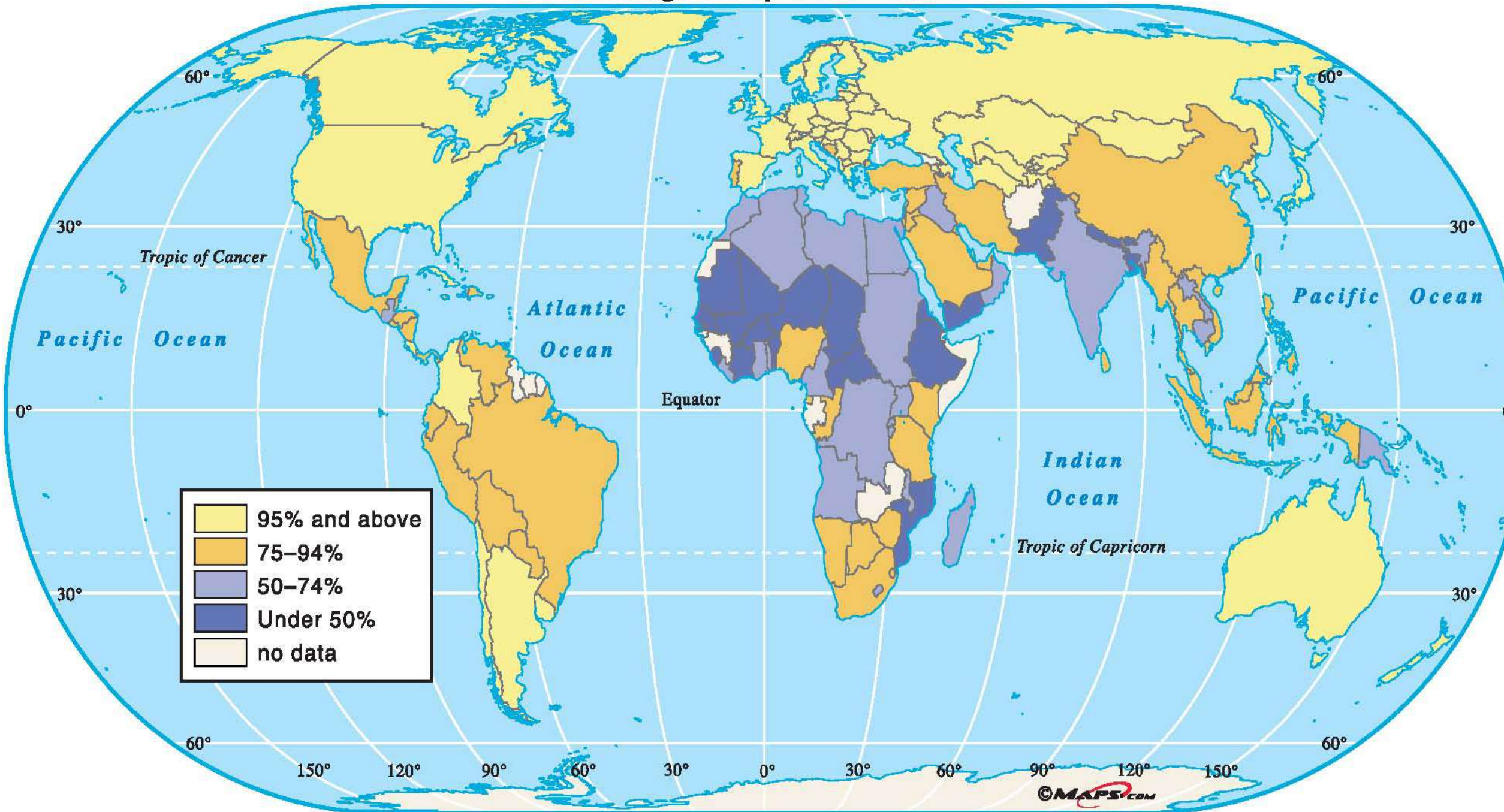
Cycle of Poverty

- Without the skills of reading and writing, workers cannot get better jobs.
- Developing countries are poor, and their people are generally uneducated.
 - It is difficult to pay for education, when there is little money for food...

Improving Literacy Rate

- The goal of every country is to have a 100% literacy rate among its people.
- One reason that many people cannot read/write is that their communities cannot afford to pay for teachers or schools.
- Many governments, missionaries, & aid groups come to the poorest countries to assist the people in educating their children

Percentage of Population Literate



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Illiteracy in Germany

- [Nora's Story](#)
- Be ready to discuss.



Latin America

- The average literacy rate in Latin American countries is 86.8%.
- Women tend to have lower literacy rates than men
- Illiteracy stems from lack of education
- Illiteracy = low paying or no job
- Without literacy, a country has difficulty improving & becoming a developed country

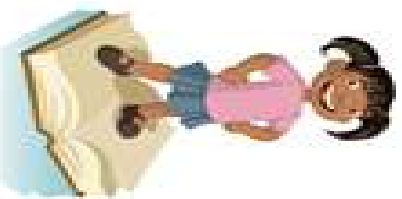
Review! Let's see what you remember!

- [Obertopia! Standard of Living!](#)



Literacy Rate & the Standard of Living

1. A literate person is one who can _____.
2. What does "literacy rate" mean?
3. Is the literacy rate of most European countries high or low?
4. Why do you think it is this way?
5. What is standard of living?
6. Draw arrows to represent the relationship between literacy rate and standard of living:
7. Describe the "cycle of poverty":
8. Think About It: What things can a literate person expect to have in his or her life?



Teachers

Have the students use www.ciaworldfactbook.com (type in the country, then look under “People and Society”). The students need to look up the literacy rate for the countries that you choose. (If student technology is not available, look up the literacy rates and write them on the board.)

Have students

- Give each country a grade (A, B, C, D, or U) based on its literacy rate.
- Write a comment to justify the grade that was given.
- Make a prediction about the standard of living in each country.

Country Report Cards: Literacy Rate & the Standard of Living

Your Task: Everyone loves getting their report card grades, right?? Well, this time you get to be the teacher and assign the grades! Look at the literacy rates for several countries that we are studying.

- Give each country a grade (A, B, C, D, or U) based on its literacy rate.
- Write a comment to justify the grade that was given.
- Make a prediction about the standard of living in each country.

Country	Grade	Comments	Prediction

Teachers

Print off the following page for each student (there are 2 per page). I use this as a “ticket out the door”. Students have to write a short “hashtag” summary that includes the most important details from the day’s lesson. (Most students are familiar with this because it’s what they do on Twitter & Instagram.)

#Summarizeit

Directions: First, define the word. Next, summarize what it means with a short "hashtag" summary. You can have more than one. Be creative!

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