**A Tale Of Two Countries**

**(Power of the Pyramids)**

We will be investigating the population patterns of the following countries:

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| Afghanistan | Austria | Kuwait | Botswana |
| Brazil | Cameroon | China | Denmark |
| Australia | Russia | Germany | Great Britain |
| Ethiopia | El Salvador | France | Italy |
| United States | Canada | India | Kenya |
| Ghana | Mexico | Nigeria | Qatar |
| Senegal | Saudi Arabia | South Africa | Zimbabwe |

You will be assigned two countries to investigate and prepare a presentation on. Use the website [www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/informationGateway.php](http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/informationGateway.php) to access the information for *table 2*. The presentation may be a pamphlet, PowerPoint or a bound report. You will be presenting the material to the class with a short description so that we can learn about the different populations in the world.

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| **Table 1: Basic Information** | | |
|  | Country 1: | Country B: |
| Capital |  |  |
| Official Language |  |  |
| Official Currency |  |  |
| GDP Per Capita |  |  |
| Total Land Area (square miles) |  |  |

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| **Table 2: Demographic Information** | | |
|  | Country 1: | Country B: |
| Current Population (2012) |  |  |
| Population Density |  |  |
| Total Fertility Rate (TFR) |  |  |
| Crude Birth Rate (CBR) |  |  |
| Crude Death Rate (CDR) |  |  |
| Life Expectancy |  |  |
| Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) |  |  |
| Under 5 Mortality Rate |  |  |
| Net # of Migrants (I-E) |  |  |

Provide the population pyramids for the two countries for 2000, 2025, & 2050.

From the pyramids, table 1 and table 2, answer these questions about your country:

1. Calculate your countries’ growth rates (%).
2. What conclusions about the overall growth rate can you draw from your pyramid?
3. Which gender has the higher population in the youngest age groups on your pyramid? Why?
4. Which gender has the higher population in the oldest age group? Why?
5. Does your country look like a pyramid? If not, explain the shape of your pyramid.
6. What are some factors that could change the shape of your pyramid?
7. Determine the % of the population that is pre-reproductive. What do these numbers predict about the future of your country?
8. What socio-economic factors are affecting these countries growth rates?
9. Are your countries increasing in size, decreasing in size or close to ZPG?
10. Explain where each country would fall in Frank Notestein’s demographic transition model. Back up your answer with the data you collected.