

VISUAL 3.1

WHICH NATION WILL BECOME WEALTHY?

The following nations are former European colonies. How wealthy do you think each nation has become today? Give the wealthiest nation a 4, the next wealthiest a 3, the next wealthiest a 2, and the poorest a 1.

COUNTRY A WEALTH SCORE = _____

- Under European colonial rule from early 1500s until 1816
- Benefits from rich natural resources including fertile plains, lead, zinc, iron ore, petroleum and uranium
- Population of nearly 40 million in 2004 (small for a nation of this size)
- Land area about three-tenths the size of the United States

COUNTRY B WEALTH SCORE = _____

- Under European colonial rule from early 1500s until 1822
- Benefits from rich natural resources including bauxite, gold, iron ore, nickel, phosphates, tin, uranium, petroleum, hydropower and timber
- Population of 184 million
- Land area slightly smaller than the United States

COUNTRY C WEALTH SCORE = _____

- Under European colonial rule from the nineteenth century until 1947
- Benefits from rich natural resources including large coal reserves as well as iron ore, manganese, mica, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, petroleum, limestone and agricultural land
- Population of more than 1 billion
- Land area slightly more than one-third the size of the United States

COUNTRY D WEALTH SCORE = _____

- Under European colonial rule from 1841 to 1997
- Has a good harbor but no natural resources
- Population of nearly 7 million people
- Land area six times larger than Washington D.C.

VISUAL 3.2

THE MYSTERY NATIONS UNMASKED

COUNTRY A

- Argentina
- Per capita Gross Domestic Product: \$11,200 (2003 estimate)

COUNTRY B

- Brazil
- Per capita Gross Domestic Product: \$7,600 (2003 estimate)

COUNTRY C

- India
- Per capita Gross Domestic Product: \$2,900 (2003 estimate)

COUNTRY D

- Hong Kong
- Per capita Gross Domestic Product: \$28,800 (2003 estimate)