## Classifying and measuring countries - whether rich ‘North’ or poor ‘South’Image

* While all countries continue to “develop”, a gap has been observed between the “rich North” (developed countries) and “poor South” (developing countries) in terms of economic wealth and living standards.
* See the image - Blue North, Red South
* Despite an overall reduction of absolute poverty, statistics show inequality is growing between the world’s richest and poorest countries.
* Absolute Poverty and Relative Poverty: inequality is not just growing between countries, but within them as well - between rural and urban, between states, between communities - the divide persists.

| Instructions:  Working with a partner, analyse the most recent statistics from the HDI (Human Development Index) to answer the questions below. Work together - just write on this page who your partner is.  Follow this link:  <https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/human-development-index#/indicies/HDI> |
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1. Look at the graph axis. What year/s are the statistics on the HDI you are using from?

1. Which country is ranked as **first** on the HDI?  What is their HDI value?

1. Which country is **last** on the HDI? What number are they ranked?

1. Where does Aotearoa NZ rank? Where does Australia rank?
2. What four tiers exist in the HDI? Which tier is considered “developed”?

1. Why do you think schooling is used as such a strong indicator of a country having high worth/high development? (1-2 sentences)
2. If you filter by Arab States, you will see that Syria has an immense drop off from 2012 onwards. Why do you think Syria’s placement dropped? (Hint: What happened there in the 2010s?)
3. How much more money does the first ranked country on the HDI have according to the GDP per capita compared with the last ranked country?

(Hint : First country’s GDP per capita MINUS last ranked country’s GDP per capita)

1. Which hemisphere do MOST of the **higher** ranked countries on the HDI come from? Which hemisphere do MOST of the **lower** ranked countries on the HDI come from?

1. Fill in the table below using the data from the page - remember, you find the info by hovering over the country’s line. When finished putting in Australia + China’s date, pick two countries from the Top 10/Bottom 10 Countries list we saw this week and fill in their data. You may have to use the Region Filter to locate them.

| **COUNTRY** | **HDI RANK 9/1750** | **LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (YRS)** | **ADULT LITERACY RATE (% age 15 and above)** | **GDP PER CAPITA**  **(PPP US $$)** |
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| **NEW ZEALAND** | 20/175 | 78./1 yrs | 99% | US$19,160 |
| **AUSTRALIA** |  |  |  |  |
| **CHINA** |  |  |  |  |
| **(Country 1)**  **\_     \_\_\_\_\_** |  |  |  |  |
| **(Country 2)**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  |  |  |

**Other resources**

- Interactive map showing north & south etc <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/developing-countries>

- Live population map <https://worldpopulationhistory.org/map/1950/mercator/1/0/25/>

- GDP by country <https://www.worldometers.info/gdp/gdp-by-country/>