

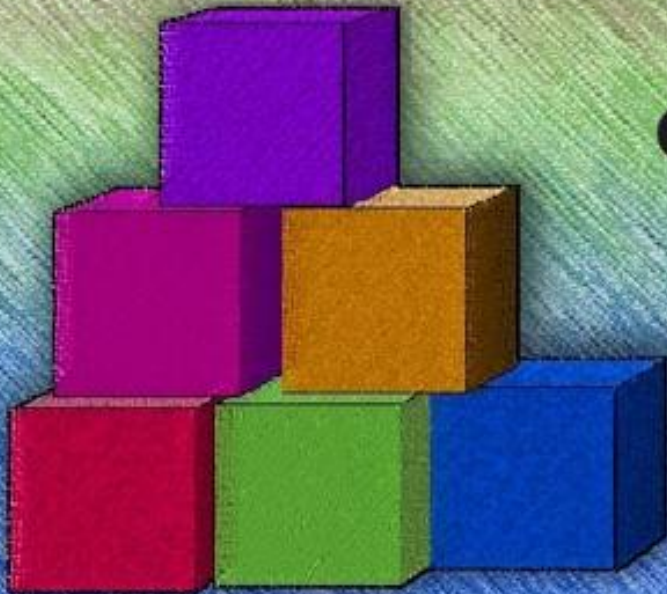
Europe's Literacy Rate, Standard of Living, & Economy

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Literacy



How does this
affect the standard
of living in Europe?



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What is literacy rate?

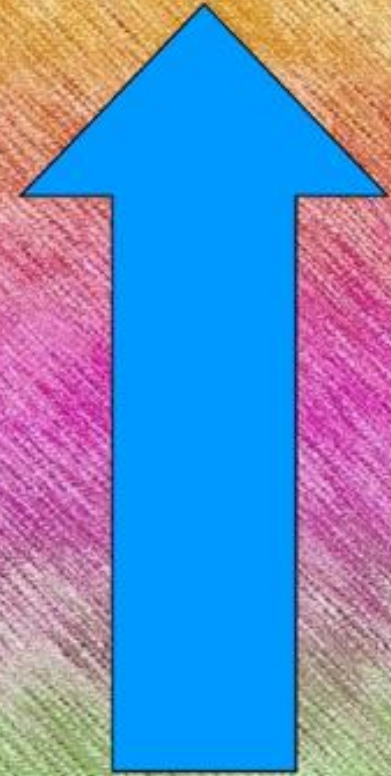
- A **literate** person is one who can read and write
- Major factor in whether a person can get a job and be successful in the workplace
- A country's **literacy rate** is the percentage of the population over age 15 that can read and write



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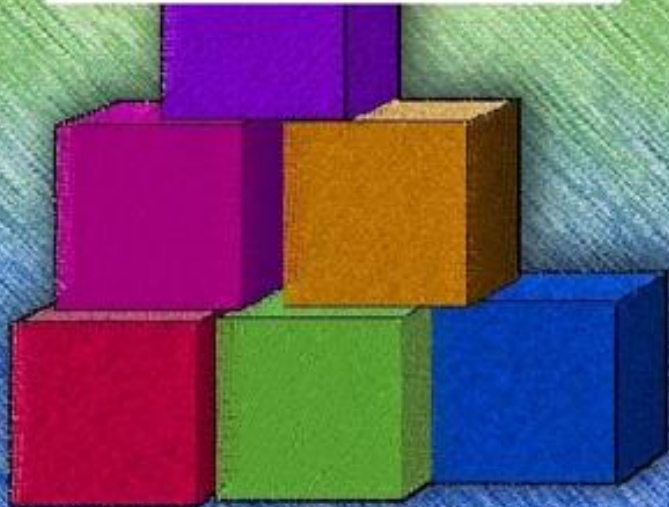


- **Standard of living** refers to the level of financial health and comfort of people's lives.
- The **standard of living** is often higher in countries where the literacy rate is high.



**Literacy
Rate**

**Standard of
Living**

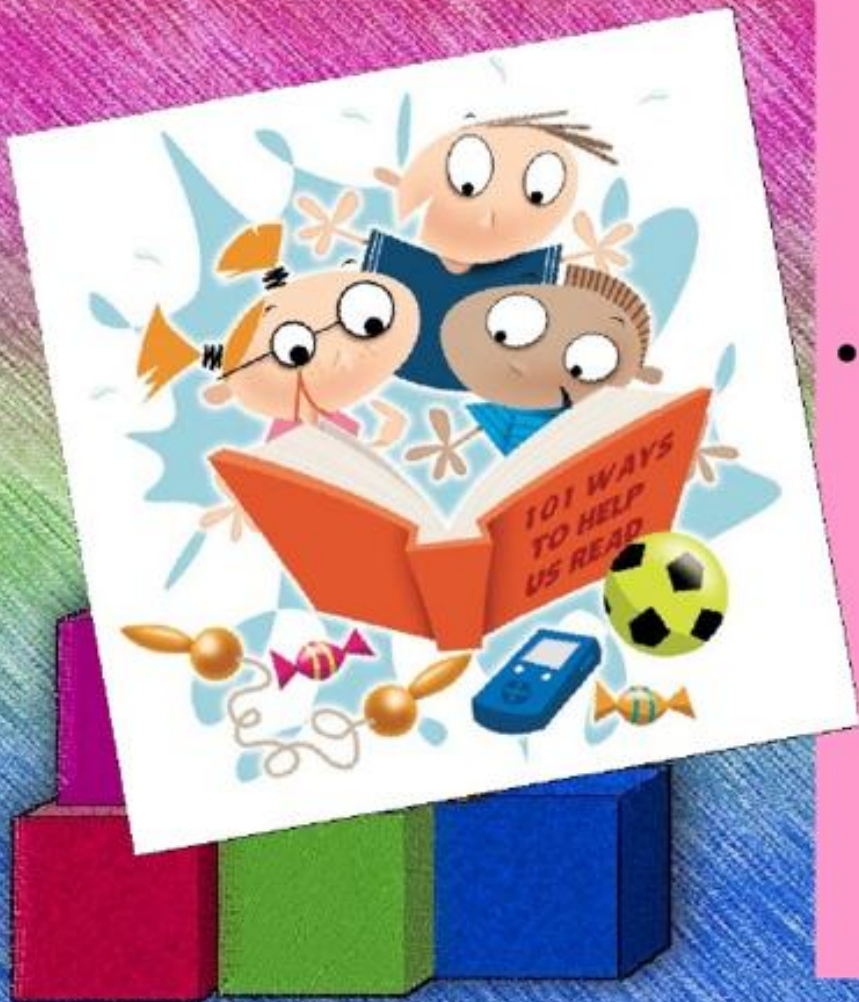


High Literacy Rates

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- Most European countries have high literacy rates
- Many European countries are industrialized—they depend on manufacturing rather than farming for their wealth
 - The increased wealth allows these countries to provide better education and health care
- The standard of living is high





- The goal of every country is to have 100% literacy rates 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 in Latin America & are assisting the people in educating their children

- **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...**
 - Uneducated are forced to get low-paying jobs, so they cannot get enough money to pay for their children's education... cycle continues for generations
- **The standard of living remains low for these families because their education level is low**



Most Countries in Europe are...

- **Industrialized** → depend more on manufacturing, communication, or service industries, than on farming for their wealth.
 - Allows countries to provide education, health care, & access to technology for their citizens

Literacy and Per Capita GDP

Country	Literacy Rate	Per Person Gross Domestic Product
United Kingdom	99%	\$35,100
France	99%	\$33,000
Russia	99%	\$14,700
Germany	99%	\$33,200
Italy	98%	\$30,400

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Russia's Unbalanced Issue

- The government has always required education.
- Much of Russia has been (is) in poverty
- Available jobs (Remember available resources, but can't get to them because of the climate?)
 - Gov. is now finding ways to bring more jobs
 - poverty declining
 - Economy growing

Questions...

- 1) A literate person in a developed country is more likely to have all of the following, EXCEPT

A– health care	C– a high-paying job
B-- technology	D– uneducated children

- 1) People in 3rd world countries have:

A-- The best jobs	C– a higher literacy rate
B-- Little education	D– a greater standard of living

- 2) Explain why Russia has such a high LR, but low GDP...

Web Resources:

- <http://www.sitesatlas.com/Thematic-Maps/Literacy-rate.html>
- http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/russia_statistics.html#77
- <http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/industrialized.html>