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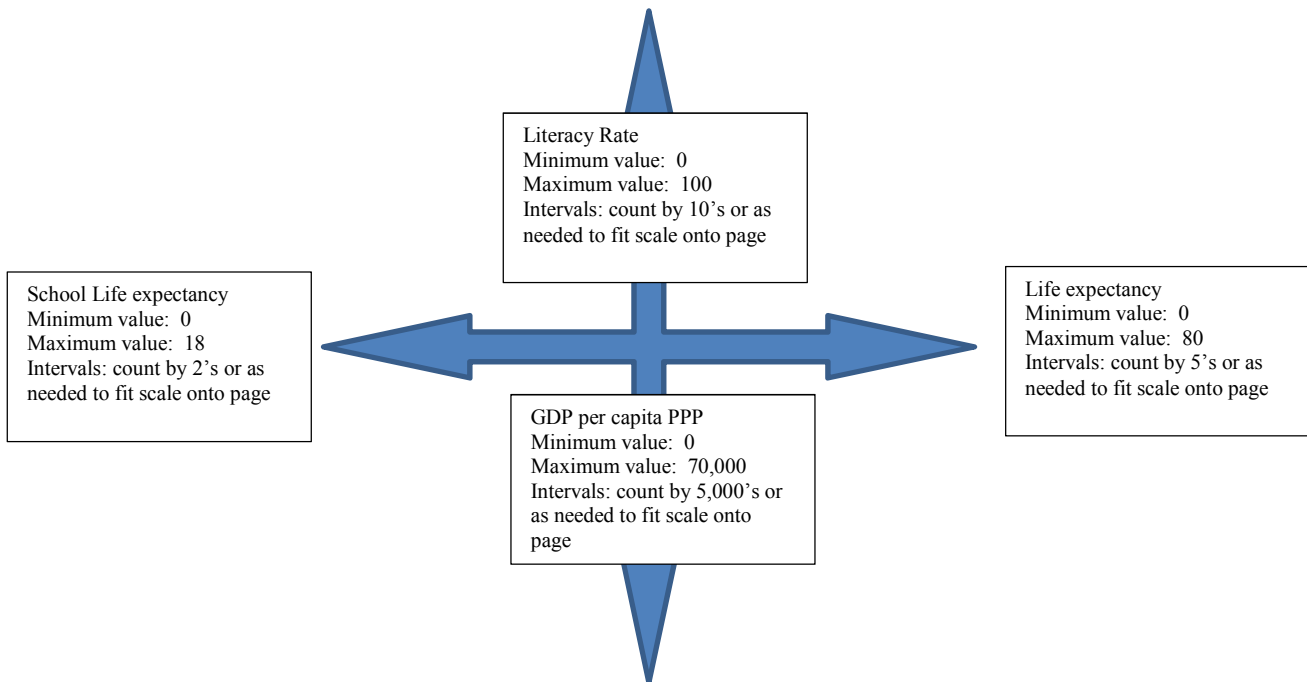
Development Diamonds

I. You and your group members will collect data on the following countries in order to determine the level of development in each country. Divide the following list – each group member should research 3 or 4 countries. Go to the [CIA World Factbook](http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook) to obtain your data.

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| United States | Burma | Malaysia | Vietnam |
| Brazil | Cambodia | Philippines | |
| Niger | Indonesia | Thailand | |
| Brunei | Laos | Timor-Leste | |

Country	Life Expectancy	Health Expenditures (% of GDP)	Education Expenditures (% of GDP)	Literacy Rate	School Life Expectancy	GDP Per Capita (PPP)	GDP – Composition Agriculture	GDP – Composition Industry	GDP – Composition Services

II. Once you have gathered your data, you will create a graph – a development diamond, to depict the four factors which are typically used to help determine levels of development. Divide your graph paper into quadrants. Label each axis as follows:



After you have created your graphs, copy your data for each country onto its own graph. Connect the points to create a “diamond” (well, it’s actually a quadrilateral – but Development Quadrilateral just doesn’t sound right, does it?)

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III. Levels of Development

After your teacher tells you the levels of development for the 3 sample countries, you will determine the levels of development for all of the other countries based upon how closely their development diamond matches the samples. Arrange the graphs in order from least developed to most developed and write less developed, newly industrialized or more developed on each graph.

IV. Questions and Analysis

As a group – look at all of your Development Diamonds and the data you have each collected. Answer the following questions together (Yes, you all need to write your answers on your own sheet.)

1. Look at the data you did not graph for the countries you labeled less developed. Are there any similarities? What criteria do they share which might explain why they are less developed?
2. Do the same for newly industrialized... Are there any similarities? What criteria do they share which might explain why they are newly industrialized?
3. Finally, do the same for more developed... Are there any similarities? What criteria do they share which might explain why they are more developed?
4. Are there any countries which seem to be out of place – for example, do they share many criteria with countries at a different level? What are they? Why might they be in this situation?
5. Which factors/criteria seem to be the most important in determining level of development? Why might this be?

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6. If a country wanted to raise its level of development, based upon your analysis of the data, what changes could this country make that would have the biggest impact?