

# ACTIVITY 3A TEACHER HANDOUT BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

## LIFE EXPECTANCY/DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS

A country's level of economic development depends mainly on the type of technology used by that country.

Developed countries use modern technology which uses the most current scientific knowledge and up-to-date tools. These nations have a higher gross domestic product. Most people work in manufacturing and service jobs. Medical and educational advancements in these countries have stabilized the population.

Developing countries tend to use traditional technology. Few advancements have been made in the types of tools used over the generations. These countries tend to have a lower gross domestic product and most people work as farmers. Most of these countries have a rapidly growing population because of lack of medical and educational advancements.

**Developed countries:** examples are nations in Europe (*including the nations that constituted the former Soviet Union*) and North America, and Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

**Developing countries:** examples are nations in Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, and Africa.