Creating Demographic Data Booklets
Latin America

Your task is to create a demographic data booklet that presents information on a country of the Latin American culture region. Research the following information on your country.

Obtain the following information for your country:
- net growth rate (birth rate – death rate = net growth rate)
- per capita GDP
- life expectancy (male and female)
- infant mortality
- various sectors of the economy* (labor force distribution)
- major ethnic groups*
- rural/urban distribution*
- age distribution*
- arable/non-arable land*
- literacy rate*
- percentages of major religions*
- major languages

1. All of the starred items must be presented in the form of a circle graph. Other items on the list are best presented as bar graphs.
2. Keep in mind that not all of the statistics will add up to 100%. For example, you may only have the percentage of people living in urban areas. You would subtract from 100 to find the percentage of people living in rural areas.
3. Be sure to provide a title for each of the graphs.
4. Be sure to include the units of measurement. Life expectancy is measured in years and some other statistics are reported as numbers per thousand.

In addition, your booklet must include a cover. Be sure the cover contains the following information.
- the country name
- illustrations of major resources and exports
- major physical features of the country
- names of cities with over one million people
- extras (additional topics of your choice)

To what extent does the data in your booklet support the following generalizations?

- The closer to the equator the higher the per capita GDP.
- Countries with high birth rates have high infant mortality rates.
- Life expectancy for males is usually higher than the life expectancy for females.
- Countries with large percentages of arable land have large percentages of people engaged in agriculture.
- Countries with high literacy rates have a high percentage of people living in urban areas.
- Landlocked countries have higher per capita GDPs than coastal countries.
- Most of the countries of Latin America use Spanish as their official language.
- Countries with high infant mortality rates have lower life expectancies.