

Population Pyramids in Action!!!

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Population pyramids can tell a great deal about a country. They provide demographics and illustrate a shape of a country at any given time. Watching how a country changes through population pyramids can paint a picture and give a prediction about the future.

<http://populationpyramid.net/>

In this activity you will observe the patterns of population pyramids over time.

A.

1. Click the link above. Here you will see a population pyramid for the world in 2010. What does the shape of the pyramid tell you about the population of the world? _____
2. As you change the date on the graph, how does the pyramid change? _____
3. What are your predictions about the population of the world? _____
4. How will this affect the resources on earth? _____

B. Change the country to YOUR developed country. Answer the following:

_____ (country)

1. Look at the year 1950 for your country. Describe what the pyramid says about your country. _____
2. Change the date to 1975. How has the pyramid changed? What does it say about your country? _____
3. Change the date to 2100. What is predicted for your country? _____

4. Is this a positive change? How can you tell? What are your recommendations for your country for the future in terms of population?

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