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2.04 Worldwide Standard of Living

Total Points: 40

**Perhaps one of the easiest ways to compare the standards of living between nations is to see photographic evidence. In this task, you will use photographs, narratives, and statistics to compare the standards of living for six different nations, then rank the countries from best to worst based on their respective standards of living.**

# Part 1: World in the Balance

**Go to the World in the Balance (PBS) website linked on the Task page.**

Study the information about all five families shown, as well as the statistics about their home nations. Most importantly, click on the ‘See entire image’ link below each family’s photograph to see the full picture.

# Part 2: Rankings

**Using the table provided, rank all five countries from best to worst in terms of each of the following categories:**

* Per capita energy use
* Infant mortality
* Life expectancy
* Adult illiteracy
* Internet users
* Per Capita GDP (Use the CIA World Factbook linked on the Task page to complete this part)

In this ranking system, #1 is the best and #5 is the worst. Each table row corresponds to one of the given categories, shown in the far-left column of the table. List the country rankings for each category across the table row.

|  | United States | China | India | Japan | Mali |
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| Energy Use (per capita) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Infant Mortality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Life Expectancy |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adult Illiteracy |  |  |  |  |  |
| Internet Users |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP (per capita) |  |  |  |  |  |

# Part 3: Reflection

**Using complete sentences, write at least one paragraph to answer the following discussion question: “What sort of observations can you make between per capita GDP and the other categories?”**

Support your answer with specific data from your chart and the website. Also, note any exceptions to the pattern you see.

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| *Write your response below:* |
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