Population Reference Bureau Web Quest: Understanding Population Trends

(this webquest uses the 2014 data and info that can be found at http://www.prb.org/Publications/Datasheets/2014/2014-world-population-data-sheet.aspx)

World population digital visualization

Instructions: Use your touch pad mouse to scroll over the projected **population wheel** for 2050.

1. find two countries that are expected to experience population decline:
2. find two countries that are expected to experience population growth:

3. How would you describe the level of development for each of these countries?

4. What factors might explain why certain areas are growing and others are seeing population decline?

Compare the **total fertility rate** and infant mortality rates of North America and Africa.

5. How are they different?
6. What might explain this difference?

U.S. Focus: What If scenarios

7. What if child poverty rates by race and ethnicity did not change between now and 2015? According to the projections what would happen to the overall rate?

8. What if all children experienced rates of poverty no higher than non-Hispanic whites between now and 2050?
9. Now choose either childhood obesity or College education and compare your findings based on inequality and no inequality projections .

10. 10.What conclusions can we make about the importance of racial and ethnic inequalities in determining population growth?