Economic Success of Belarus

Look at the economic information below for the nation-state of Belarus. Discuss each question in your group.

What does this map tell you about Belarus’s resources? Its location? How do its resources and location help or hurt Belarus?

Look at the numbers on this graph. What do they tell you about the success of Belarus’s economy?

Look at the percentages in this circle graph. What do they tell you about the economy in Belarus?

How does income per person for Belarus compare to the other nation-states? What does this tell you about the economy in Belarus?

Political Success of Belarus

Look at the political information below for the nation-state of Belarus. Discuss each question in your group.

Look at these circle graphs. What do they tell you about possible ethnic and religious tension in Belarus?

Compare the level of crime in Belarus to the other nation-states. What might this tell you about security in Belarus?

Notice how the numbers in this table change. What might this tell you about quality of life for people in Belarus?

On this scale, 1 represents the highest degree of freedom, and 7 the lowest. Have the rankings for Belarus gone up, gone down, or mostly stayed the same over time? What does this tell you about rights and freedoms in Belarus?

Sources: World Bank, Central Intelligence Agency.