

## COMPARATIVE CASE: THE UNITED STATES, 2008

1. What are the three most important economic activities that the people in the country are engaged in?  
1<sup>st</sup> **Services**                      2<sup>nd</sup> **Industry**                      3<sup>rd</sup> **Agriculture**
2. What is the unemployment rate?  
**4.6%**
3. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?  
**\$13.84 trillion**
4. What is the GDP per capita?  
**\$45,800**
5. What is the economic growth rate?  
**2.2%**
6. What is the country's debt?  
**\$12.25 trillion**
7. List three of the country's major exports  
**A. Capital goods (computers, aircraft) B. Consumer goods (automobiles, medicine)  
C. Industrial supplies (organic chemicals)**
8. List three of the country's major imports  
**A. Industrial supplies (crude oil)      B. Capital goods (telecommunications equipment, office machines)  
C. Consumer goods (automobiles, clothing, furniture)**
9. List the country's top three trading partners  
**A. Canada      B. Mexico      C. China**
10. List three of the country's major industries  
**A. Petroleum      B. Steel      C. Motor Vehicles**
11. List three of the country's chief agricultural products  
**A. Wheat      B. Corn      C. Fruits**
12. What regional economic organization (s) does the country belong to?  
**NAFTA, APEC, IMF, WHO, WTO, African Development Bank, among many others.**
13. Is the country involved in any violent conflicts? If so, list them.  
**In 2008, the U.S. was directly involved in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.**
14. How many refugees and internally displaced persons are in the country?  
**In 2007, The United States received 48,281 refugees.**
15. How many kilometers or miles of paved roads does the country have?  
**4,165,110 km or 2,588,079 miles**
16. How many airports does the country have?  
**14,947**
17. What is the life expectancy in the country?  
**78 years**
18. What is the country's literacy rate?  
**99%**