

## **COMPARATIVE CASE: THE UNITED STATES, 2009**

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?  
**7.2%**
3. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?  
**\$14.26 trillion**
4. What is the GDP per capita?  
**\$46,900**
5. What is the economic growth rate?  
**1.1%**
6. What is the country's external debt?  
**\$13.64 trillion**
7. List three of the country's major exports.  
**A. Capital goods (transistors, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, computers)**  
**B. Industrial supplies (organic chemicals)**  
**C. Consumer goods (automobiles, medicine)**
8. List three of the country's major imports.  
**A. Industrial supplies (crude oil)**  
**B. Consumer goods (automobiles, clothing, furniture)**  
**C. Capital goods (computers, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicle parts)**
9. List the country's top three trading partners.  
**A. Canada   B. China                  C. Mexico**
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 and Vegetables**
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 2009, 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 2008, the United States admitted nearly 60,200 refugees.**
15. How many kilometers or miles of paved roads does the country have?  
**4,209,835 km or 2,615,870 miles**
16. How many airports does the country have?  
**14,951**
17. What is the life expectancy in the country?  
**78 years**
18. What is the country's literacy rate?  
**99%**

Sources: *The World Factbook 2009*. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2009 and *Summary of Refugee Admissions, Fiscal Year 2008*. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Office of Admissions – Refugee Processing Center.