



Foreign Aid

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Target audience – Government learners

Time required – 15 minutes

Activity

Students will examine the costs and benefits of foreign aid.

Social Studies Standards

C3:D2.Civ.13.9-12. Evaluate public policies in terms of intended and unintended outcomes, and related consequences.
C3:D2.Civ.9.6-8. Compare deliberative processes used by a wide variety of groups in various settings.
C3:D2.Civ.6.9-12. Critique relationships among governments, civil societies, and economic markets.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will identify major U.S. recipients and the categories of assistance provided by various government agencies.
- Students will be able to explain how foreign aid benefits the U.S.

Map URL: <http://esriurl.com/govgeoinquiry15>

? Ask

Who receives the most foreign aid?

- Click the URL above to open the map.
- Less than 1 percent of the U.S. budget is devoted to foreign aid.
- Follow the lines, zooming in and out as needed.
- ? Which country receives the most aid? Second most aid? [*Israel and Egypt, respectively*]
- ? In which world region do the most countries receive between \$310 million and \$639 million in aid? [*Africa*]
- ? Which parts of the world do not receive aid? [*Western Europe, Canada, Australia, Russia, and Iran*]

! Acquire

How do the categories of foreign aid differ from country to country?

- Of the 15 executive departments, all but Veterans Affairs and Housing & Urban Development are involved in foreign aid.
- With the Details button underlined, click the button Show Contents of Map.
- Check the box to the left of the layer name, Foreign Aid (2018).
- Turn off the layer, Over 130 Million In Aid.
- ? Which countries receiving aid surprise you? [*China and Saudi Arabia*]
- In the Find Address or Place search box, type **Israel**. Click the country.
- ? What is the major category of aid in Israel? [*Peace and security*]
- Repeat the previous step for: Jordan, Nigeria, and Guatemala.
- ? What are the major categories of aid for these countries? [*Jordan, development; Nigeria, health; Ecuador, democratic rights*]
- Examine Bangladesh's pop-up.
- ? Which other categories of aid does it receive? [*Education and environment*]

🔍 Explore

Which government agency provides widespread assistance?

- The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 created USAID (United States Agency for International Development) to administer foreign aid for social and economic development.
- Turn on the layer, USAID.
- Turn the Foreign Aid and USAID layers on and off to see the differences.
- ? Which countries receive USAID assistance but not foreign aid? [*Russia, Cuba, and Bolivia*]

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Analyze

Where does the Peace Corps operate?

- In 1961, President Kennedy created the Peace Corps by executive order.
- Turn on the layer, Peace Corps Volunteers. View the legend. (See the legend tip below.)
- ? Why would a country be suspended from the Peace Corps? [*Political unrest; host government request*]
- Search for and examine the pop-ups for Moldova and Zambia.
- ? What are the major categories of assistance provided in those countries? [*Health, education, environment, and community development*]
- ? What type of aid does China receive? [*Education*]
- ? What type of aid does Morocco receive? [*Youth development*]
- ? How do those categories align with the categories of foreign aid? [*They are the same.*]

Act

How does the U.S. benefit from foreign aid?

- Turn off all layers.
- Turn on the layer, Quotes.
- Click the pins to read the map notes in Kazakhstan, El Salvador, Tanzania, and two other countries.
- ? How does aid to foreign countries benefit the United States? [*It opens markets, counters extremism, and limits the spread of disease.*]

LEGENDS, LAYERS, AND SYMBOLS

- With the Details button underlined, click the button Show Contents of Map. The Contents pane allows you to turn on and off layer visibility.
- Click the button, Show Legend. The Legend pane allows for identification of symbols.
- On the map, click symbols for more information that will appear in a pop-up.

TURN A MAP LAYER ON AND OFF

- With the Details button underlined, click the button Show Contents of Map (Content).
- To show individual map layers, select the check boxes next to the layer names.
- Hint: If a map layer name is light gray, zoom in or out on the map until the layer name is black. The layer can now be turned on.

Next Steps

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THEN TRY THIS...

- Use proximity analysis and a change style to identify which countries receive different categories of foreign aid.
- Use Web AppBuilder for ArcGIS to create an app with filters for the amounts of aid provided to various countries.

TEXT REFERENCES

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in sections of chapters from these high school texts.

- *Civics and Economics by Holt — Chapter 23*
- *Magruder's American Government by Pearson — Chapter 6*
- *Government Alive! Politics, Power, and You by Teachers' Curriculum Institute — Chapter 17*