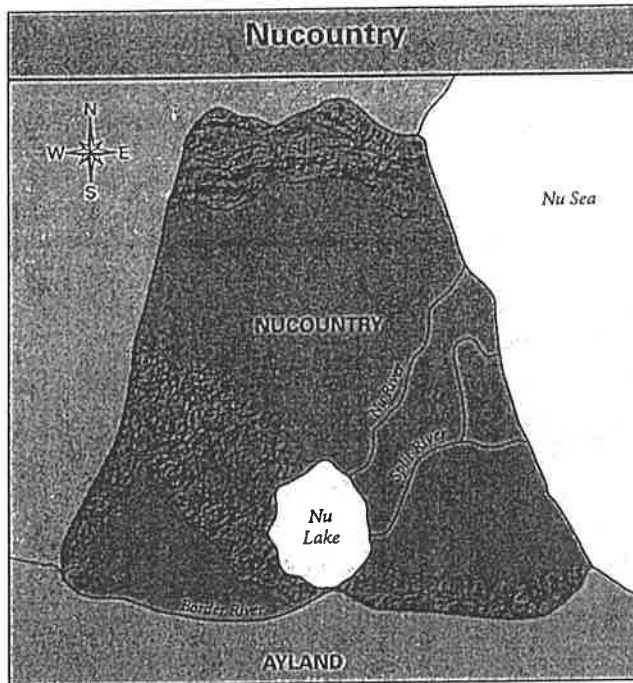


Background Information on Nucountry

Nucountry is a midsize country of approximately 50,000 square miles, with a population of just over 21 million people. It is slightly larger in size and population than the state of New York.



The country is divided into three distinct geographic regions. The northern region of the country is arid and sparsely inhabited. The southeastern region is fertile, with two major rivers that flow to the ocean. The southwestern region is fertile and rich in valuable natural resources.

Nucountry has three distinct ethnic groups. The Nupeople are the largest ethnic group, making up nearly 85% of the population. They live mostly in the southeast and tend to farm, work in the region's many cities, or own businesses.

The Apeople are a small ethnic group, making up about 10% of the population, who speak their own language and have cultural customs different from those of the Nupeople. They live predominantly in the southwest and control the valuable natural resources in that area.

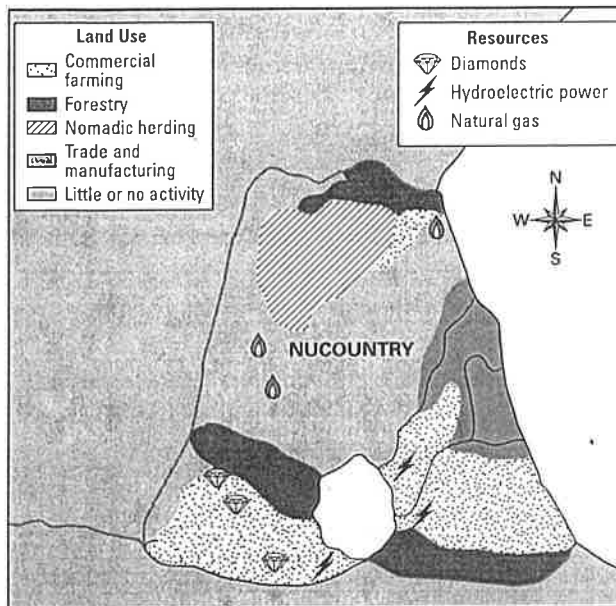
The smallest ethnic group, the Upeople, make up almost 5% of the population and speak the same language as the Nupeople. However, they live a more traditional, and sometimes nomadic, lifestyle in the northern part of Nucountry. With few exceptions, they do not share in the wealth that has been enjoyed in the southern regions of the country.

Slightly more than 100 years ago, Nucountry was in a state of near chaos after the government failed. It was quickly occupied by its neighbor, Ayland, which has governed Nucountry ever since. Ayland has assisted in making Nucountry far more stable. At the end of this year, Nucountry will achieve its independence and a fresh start. A constitutional convention has been called to establish the basis of Nucountry's new government and economic systems.

Demographic Information on Nucountry

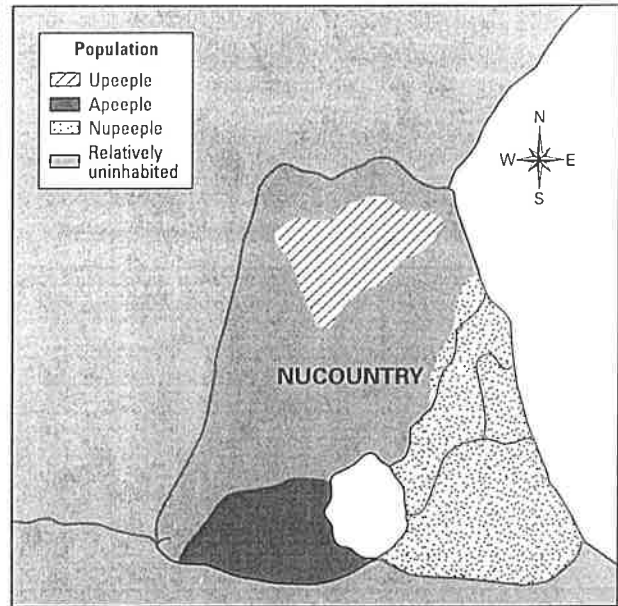
Economic Activity in Nucountry

Where are the country's natural resources located?
Most profitable economic activities?



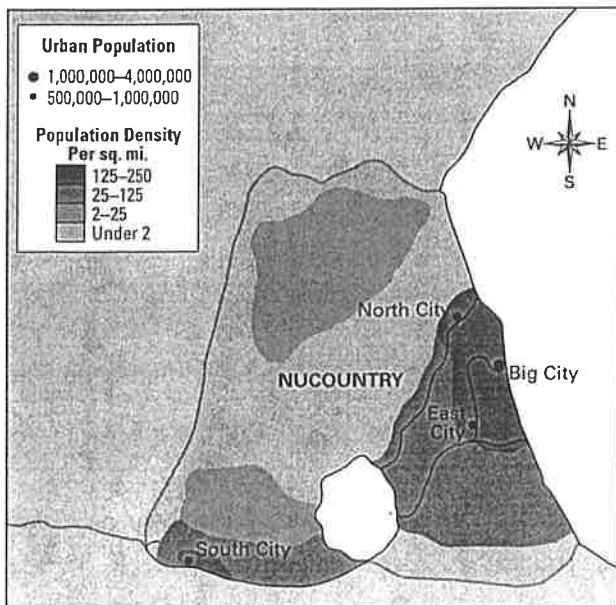
Ethnic Distribution in Nucountry

Which resources and economic activities does each ethnic group control?



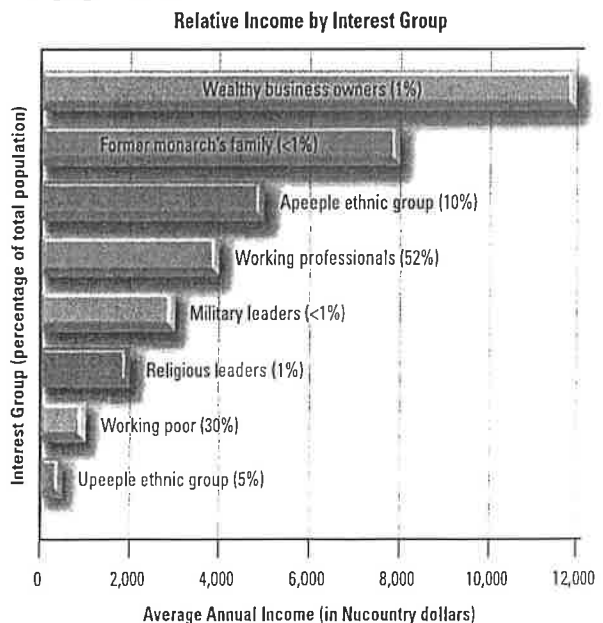
Population Density in Nucountry

Where do most people in Nucountry live? What comparisons can you draw between this map and the other two?



Income Distribution in Nucountry

Which groups have the highest and lowest income?
Which represent the largest and smallest percent of the population?



Read the information below to become familiar with the interest group you represent. Pay attention to what your interest group thinks is best for Nucountry and what interests and ideas you will advocate for at the constitutional convention.

Interest Group: Working Poor

Your group is made up of a large percentage of Nucountry's population and is ethnically mixed. Many people in your group have very low-paying jobs and hardly make ends meet. You live mostly in the south-east. Because of Nucountry's high unemployment, some of your people are forced to move from place to place to find work on farms, in mines, in factories, or in other unregulated industries, such as forestry or natural gas. No government in Nucountry's history has ever represented your interests. You fear that the wealthier people in Nucountry will control the government and do little to further your interests. You want a government that represents the many over the few and that allows you to participate. To change your conditions, it is crucial that an economic system that protects you is put into place. Ideally, you want wealth redistributed so that you can improve your standard of living. At the very least, you want regulations that will protect workers.

List the characteristics of your group:

List your group's main concerns or issues that you feel affect Nucountry:

Constitutional Convention Preferences

Fill in the first two columns of the matrix below.

- Under "Preferred Option," record your preference for form of government, system of government, and economic system. (Consult your Reading Notes for possibilities for each of these.) Then list two pieces of evidence in support of each choice. That evidence may be from the lesson, from the information about Nucountry and your interest group, or from the maps and the graph.
- Under "Logical Compromise," record your second choice for each option. Again, list two pieces of evidence that support each choice.

During the convention, you will receive 3 points if your preferred option is chosen and 1 point if your logical compromise option is chosen.

	Preferred Option	Logical Compromise	Points
Form of Government (Round 1)			
System of Government (Round 2)			
Economic System (Round 3)			