

# Literacy Rate and the Standard of Living

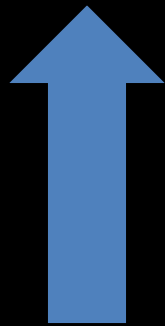




# What is Literacy Rate?

- A **literate** person is one who can read and write.
- It is a major factor in whether a person can get a job and be successful in the workplace.
- A country's **literacy rate** is the percentage of the population over age 15 that can read and write.

- The **standard of living** (“economic level” achieved by a person, family, or country) is often higher in countries where the literacy rate is high.



High Literacy Rate

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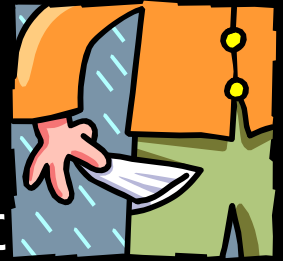


High Standard of Living

- The goal of every country is to have 100% literacy rates among its people.
- One reason that many people cannot read/write is that their communities cannot afford to pay for teachers or schools.



# Cycle of Poverty



- Having basic reading & writing skills is very important
  - Without skills, workers are stuck in the lowest-paying jobs.
- A cycle of poverty can develop when people cannot get an education.
  - The uneducated are forced to get low-paying jobs, so they cannot get enough money to pay for their children's education – the cycle continues for generations.
- The standard of living remains low for these families because their education level is low.

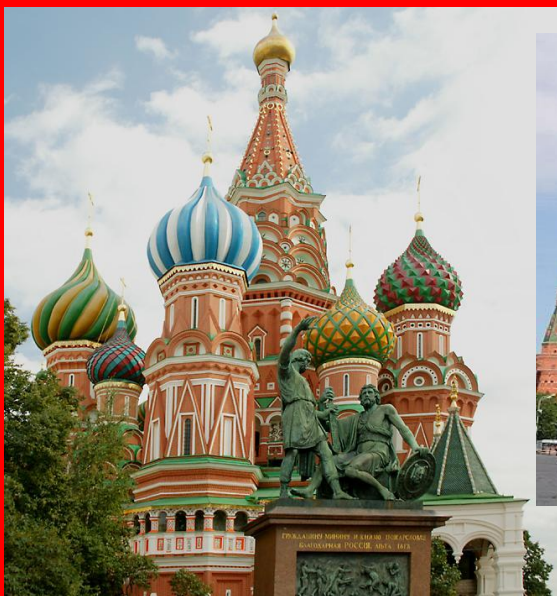
# Germany: Literacy Rate

- The literacy rate in Germany is 99-100%



\* Students in Germany must attend school through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. After that students either go to a trade school or keep attending public school until the 13<sup>th</sup> grade (roughly 18 years old) If they want to go to college.

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# RUSSIA: Literacy Rate

## **Russia's Literacy rate is 99-100%**

Russia has a free education system guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution and has a literacy rate of 99.4%. Entry to higher education is highly competitive. As a result of great emphasis on science and technology in education, Russian medical, mathematical, scientific, and space and aviation research is generally of a high order- from Wikipedia.com



Follow link to here the Russian alphabet

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian\\_alphabet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_alphabet)





# *France: Literacy Rate*

The Literacy rate in France is 99%

Children in France must go to school until they are 16 years old.



# France: Customs and Traditions

## BASTILLE DAY

***“Liberté, égalité, fraternité”*** - Liberty, Equality, Fraternity ( motto of the French Revolution & France)

**Bastille Day** is the French national holiday which is celebrated on 14 July each year. It commemorates the 1790 storming of the Bastille fortress-prison was seen as a symbol of the uprising of the modern nation, and of the reconciliation of all the French inside the constitutional monarchy which preceded the First Republic, during the French Revolution.-  
definition from Wikipedia.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9UapuC-Ytc&feature=related>







# Italy: Literacy Rate

- The literacy rate in Italy is 98%
- Children in Italy go to school from age 6-15.





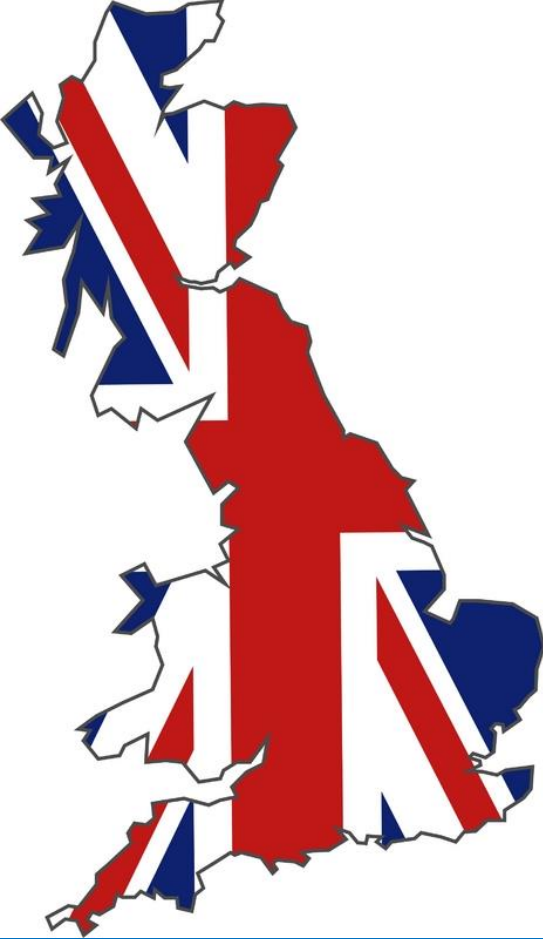
# Italy: Customs & Traditions



- Christmas & Easter are major holidays.
- Italy is the home to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope lives in Vatican City in Rome.



# United Kingdom



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# United Kingdom: Language

English is the official Language of the United Kingdom. It is a Germanic Language. Other Languages commonly spoke in the UK are Gaelic (Irish), Celtic (Scottish), and Welsh (Wales)





# United Kingdom: Literacy Rate

The Literacy Rate is 99%.

The UK is home to some very famous and old university's such as Oxford (England), Cambridge (England), & St. Andrews (Scotland).

