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OBJECTIVE

Describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or absence in China, India, Japan, South Korea and North Korea.

What this standard covers	Your notes
Evaluate how literacy rates affect the standard of living.	
Explain the relationship between investment in human capital (education and training) and gross domestic product (GDP per capita).	
Explain the relationship between investment in capital goods (factories, machinery, and technology) and gross domestic product (GDP per capita).	
Describe the role of natural resources in a country's economy.	
Describe the role of entrepreneurship.	

IN PLAIN WORDS

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Growth factor	What it means
Literacy	The share of people who can read and write.
Human capital	Education and training that makes workers more productive.
Capital goods	Factories, machinery, and technology.
Natural resources	Land, minerals, water, and other raw materials.
Entrepreneurship	People willing to start and grow new businesses.

DISCUSS

Rank these five growth factors from most to least important for raising GDP per capita in China, India, Japan, South Korea, and North Korea, in your judgment. Defend your #1 pick.