

Exploring Disparities in Development between an EU Country (Ireland) and an EU Candidate Country (Turkey)

Student Inquiry Project

Comparative Case Studies: Turkey and Ireland

1. **What is Development?** Give a short outline of what is meant by the geographic term 'development'.
2. **Measuring Development:** List the ways that disparities in development can be measured.
3. **Europe Map:** Provide a hand-drawn map of Europe showing the location of Turkey and Ireland. Shade the Member States of the EU in one colour, candidate countries in another, and the remaining states in a third colour. Also indicate the location of key EU institutions in Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, and Frankfurt.
4. **Country Maps:** Provide a hand-drawn map of each country showing the capital, major towns/cities, transport networks, major physical features, longitude and latitude, etc. You should also locate and label surrounding countries.
5. **Historical and Geographic Background:** Provide a brief historical and geographic overview of Turkey and Ireland. You may do this as a timeline and bullet point key facts such as population, climate type, GNP, literacy rates, infant mortality rates, percentage of population with access to safe drinking water, economy types, etc. You must be sure to include interaction with the EU.
6. **Inequalities between Ireland and Turkey:** Write two to three paragraphs outlining what inequalities/disparities there are between Turkey and Ireland.
7. **Inequalities within Ireland and Turkey:** Write two to three paragraphs outlining what kinds of inequalities/disparities there are within Turkey and Ireland.
8. **Causes of Development Disparities:** Write two to three paragraphs explaining how natural and cultural factors contribute to the spatial inequalities (differences in development) within and between Turkey and Ireland.
9. **Changes in Levels of Development:** Write two to three paragraphs explaining how internal and external forces change the spatial inequalities between and within Turkey and Ireland. This question is asking you to simply outline what things from within the country and outside the country change levels of development. You should make mention of the EU in your response.
10. **Conclusion:** Write a conclusion that outlines the challenges Turkey faces in joining the EU.