

Countries of Africa Discussion Questions

1. Which three countries (of the ten you surveyed) had the highest percentage of HIV infected people?
2. Which three countries (of the ten you surveyed) had the lowest income?
3. Which three countries (of the ten you surveyed) had the highest literacy rate?
4. Do you see any correlations between HIV infection, poverty and/or the ability to read? In other words, were the countries with high illiteracy and low per capita incomes more likely to have high HIV infection rates?
5. If you see correlations, explain why such correlations might exist. If you don't see any correlations, explain why that is the case.
6. Explain why it might be helpful to know the rate of literacy and poverty among people likely to contract HIV.

7. For the three countries (of the ten you surveyed) in Africa with the highest rates of HIV infection, list the major religions and the major languages spoken in each country. Use this link to find religions and languages: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

Country	Major religion(s)	Major language(s)
1.		
2.		
3.		

Now explain why the religious beliefs and language difference of the people would be important considerations in designing a plan to prevent the spread of HIV.

8. If you were going to design a plan to prevent the spread of HIV in South Africa, describe one additional piece of information (not counting religion and language) that you would be interested to know about South Africa before designing your plan. Explain your reasoning.

9. Use your resourcefulness (and Google) to find out the following: What HIV prevention and/or treatment programs are currently being used in sub-Saharan Africa? Find at least one and find out the basic components of that program. Write a paragraph on the program you find, summarizing the program's goals, practices, and any evidence of success. Be prepared to share this with the class.