TGA Lesson Plan

Population Pyramids

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| Grade Level: High School | Course Title: World History and Geography |
| TN State Standard(s) | W.100 Using census data and population pyramids, identify and describe the demographic changes worldwide since 1980. (C, E, G, H, P) |
| Connection to CCSS | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.7 Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text. |
| Time Required | 1 class period; additional time in or out of class may be needed for optional population pyramid activities. |

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| **1-4** | Introduction to the lesson with Tennessee Standards and connections to Common Core. |
| **5** | Show students the video titled “200 Countries in 200 years.” Conduct a short class discussion about what surprised students about what they saw in the 4 minute video. |
| **6-10** | Have students take notes on what a population pyramid is and what kind of data they represent. |
| **11** | Check for understanding by having students describe all elements of demographic data they can gather by looking at the pyramids. |
| **12-13** | Using the population pyramid for Germany, allow students a few minutes to study the pyramid and use what they’ve learned about recent history to figure out what country the pyramid represents. Students can do this in small groups or by themselves. |
| **14-18** | Additional population pyramids for analysis. Students can discuss these as a class or in small groups and present to each other about what they can tell about each country. This portion of the class could be conducted in a jigsaw fashion. |

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| **19-20** | Additional uses for population pyramids. |
| **21-26** | Three options for student work based on time and student abilities. Students can create their own pyramids or analyze pyramids from various countries around the world throughout time. |
| **27** | Extension activity or exit slip option. |
| **28** | Additional population pyramid resources. |