

## Worksheet #3

### Fact File for the Dominican Republic

<b>Name:</b>	Dominican Republic	<b>Birthrate (per 1,000):</b>	27
<b>Geographic Coordinates:</b>	19° 00'N, 70° 40'W	<b>Death Rate (per 1,000):</b>	6
<b>Land Area:</b>	18,680 square miles, slightly more than twice the size of New Hampshire	<b>Life Expectancy at Birth:</b>	70 years
<b>Land Boundaries:</b>	Haiti	<b>Age Distribution:</b>	36% under age 15, 4% over 65
<b>Coastline:</b>	1,288 km along Caribbean Sea and North Atlantic Ocean	<b>Literacy:</b>	82.1% over age 15 (1995)
<b>Highest Point:</b>	Pico Duarte 10,420 ft	<b>Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>Principal Towns:</b>	Santo Domingo (capital), Santiago de los Caballeros, La Vega	<b>Religion:</b>	Roman Catholic 95%
<b>Percent Urban:</b>	56	<b>Natural Resources:</b>	Nickel, bauxite, gold, silver
<b>Date of Independence:</b>	27 February 1844, from Haiti	<b>Main Exports:</b>	Ferronickel, sugar, gold, coffee, cocoa
<b>Suffrage:</b>	Universal and compulsory at age 18 or all married persons regardless of age (members of the armed forces and police cannot vote)	<b>Currency:</b>	1 Dominican peso = 100 centavos
<b>Ethnic Groups:</b>	Mixed 73%, white 16%, black 11%	<b>Environmental Issues:</b>	Water shortages; soil eroding into the sea damages coral reefs; deforestation
<b>Population:</b>	8.3 million (mid-1997)	<b>Natural Hazards:</b>	Subject to occasional hurricanes (July to October)
		<b>Peace Corps Entry:</b>	1962