

Worksheet #3

Fact File for the Dominican Republic

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