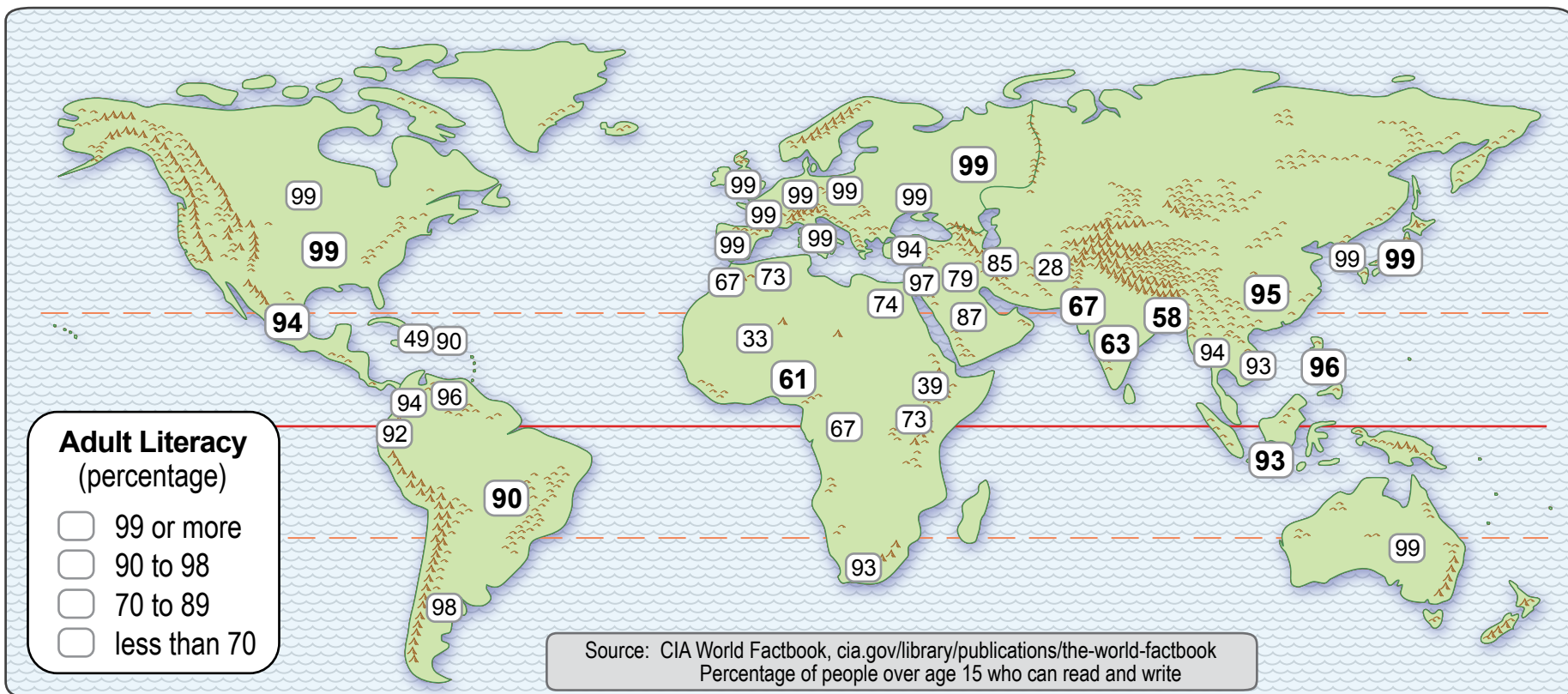


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The literacy rate in a country is an indication of the opportunity that people have to go to school in that country.

Definition: the **literacy rate** is the percentage of adults who can read and write in the language they speak.

1. In which continent do countries generally have the highest literacy rate? Circle: Africa Europe South America
2. Which two world regions have countries with the lowest literacy rate? Circle: Southeast Asia South Asia Sub-Saharan Africa
3. What country on this map has the lowest literacy rate? Circle: Afghanistan Australia Mexico South Africa  
Why do you think literacy is low there?
4. **History connection.** Countries like Russia, Poland, China, or Vietnam that had (or still have) Communist governments tend to have low literacy rates today. Circle: **True False**
5. **History connection.** Literacy rates in former colonies of European countries tend to be (circle): **Low High Some of both**
6. **Map comparison discussion question.** Find and circle the three countries on this map that have the lowest literacy rates.  
What do these countries have in common? Check all the answers you think are true, and explain why: \_\_\_ low income per capita  
\_\_\_ small percentage of people working in agriculture \_\_\_ low life expectancy \_\_\_ landlocked (no ocean coast or port)