Chapter 14 Empowerment Essay

In the introduction to your essay:

* Identify which comparison (within-systems, between systems, comparative checking) you're making.
* In addition, identify if you are using *Most Similar Systems* or *Most Different Systems* and **lay out the variables** that demonstrate the one you choose.
* Structure your essay in the order of the prompts below. Spell- and Grammar-check your essay before submitting it.
* Cite your sources.

**Assignment:** Dimensions of empowerment and ways in which development is conceptualized and measured is the theme of this chapter. Construct a comparative essay based on your choice of comparison (A,B, or C).

1. What is empowerment? What variables and development conditions support development? What part(s) of the population are most affected and why?

2. The chapter discusses political, economic, and cultural/symbolic empowerment. How are these dimensions related? Is any one of these more influential than the others? Why or why not?

3. Choose one of following comparisons below (A, B, or C) from the “Cases in Context” in Chapter 14 and compare empowerment issues and policies undertaken by the governments to improve empowerment, using the questions in the text as a starting-point.

**A.** Gender empowerment in Iran compared with Japan

**B.** Ethnic parties in India compared with the lack of ethnic parties in Mexico

**C.** Gender discrimination in Japan compared with the United States

Find two scholarly articles for *each country with the topic* to help you understand. Cite the articles correctly.

**Using Data:**

4. Make a new worksheet in your Excel Workbook labeled “Gender”. Go to the HDI Gender Inequality Indicators <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/gender-inequality-index-gii> . **Click on Tables 4 and 5**. Under the title read “the full explanation of the gender inequality index” so that you understand what is being measured.

* **Copy the top index lines into your workbook.** Copy and paste the indicators for the selected country comparison into your Excel sheet
* Take a look at “The World Bank in Gender” <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/gender> . You may want to bookmark this website. Use any of the information in the available reports in your essay. Cite your sources.
* Incorporate the data into your essay analysis by embedding it as part of your evidence. Ask your instructor for assistance.