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Compare and contrast May 18, Compare and contrast Performance indicators help in evaluating progress towards national goals ofa better world. Based on specific scales, the indicators inform on a country’s trend in performance and development and can be used to compare and contrast sustainability of development across countries. Below is a comparative analysis of life expectancy at birth, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and pupil teacher ratio for four countries, based on data from The World Bank (2015).   
GDP is one of the economic indicators of development and sustainability (The Great Britain, 2012). The United States has the highest GDP while Nigeria has the least (Table 1). GDPs for Nigeria, China, and the United States increased between the years 2011 and 2013, indicating sustainable economic development, unlike that of Brazil.   
Table 1: Data GDP (“ 000000”)   
Country   
2011   
2012   
2013   
USA   
15517900   
16163200   
16768100   
China   
7321891   
8229490   
9240270   
Brazil   
2476694   
2248780   
2245673   
Nigeria   
411743   
462979   
521803   
  
Life expectancy indicates quality of health (Nordic Council of Ministers, 2014). The indicator is best for the United States, worst for Nigeria and is constant for the three countries (Table 2).   
Table 2: Life expectancy at birth   
Country   
2011   
2012   
2013   
USA   
79   
79   
79   
China   
75   
75   
75   
Brazil   
73   
74   
74   
Nigeria   
51   
52   
52   
An increase in ratio of learners to educators is another development indicator (Pearce, 2014) while the ratio was best for the United States and worst for Nigeria, each of the countries reported consistency (Table 3).   
Table 3: Pupil to teacher ratio   
Country   
2010   
2011   
2012   
USA   
14   
14   
14   
China   
17   
17   
18   
Brazil   
22   
21   
21   
Nigeria   
38   
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The United States reported the best performance for the indicators while Nigeria reported the worst. Except for the case of Brazil’s GDP that declined, the countries reported sustained levels of performance but no significant development over the considered years.   
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