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Industries and Economic Development Worksheet
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Compare the economic importance (e.g., in terms of contribution to gross domestic product [GDP], employment) of different sectors of the Canadian economy (i.e., primary, secondary, tertiary, quaternary) *A brief description of the terms is provided to you.*

What is GDP?

Gross domestic product, or GDP, is a measure used to evaluate the health of a country's economy. It is the total value of the goods and services produced in a country during a specific period of time, usually a year.

Various types of industries are:

1. Primary Industries, which deal with obtaining or offering raw materials which are processed as commodities for the customers. Example: Farming, Fishing.
2. Secondary Industries, which are essentially manufacturing or assembling industries. It receives raw materials from primary industries and processes them to commodities for the customers. Example: Food manufacturing, Textile manufacturing.
3. Tertiary industries act as a support system to the primary and secondary industries. It is also known as the service industry or the service sector. Example: Banking, Transport.

ACTIVITY

Answer the following questions

1- How does the contribution of resource-based industries to Canada's GDP compare with that of manufacturing industries and service and knowledge-based industries?"

2- Which sector employs most of the people in Canada? Which sectors have grown the most over the past ten years? Have any declined?

3- Compare the above information with your own country.