

USSR AND USA COMPARISON

Analyze the data in the chart below to determine issues the USSR might have had before it collapsed in 1991. Write notes in the margins to describe what the data might mean.

Category	USA	USSR
Area	3.7 million square miles	8.6 million square miles
Population	227 million	262 million
WW2 Deaths	418,000 (>1% of population)	24 million (14% of population)
Life Expectancy	73	67
Literacy Rate	99%	98%
Personal income per capita	\$12,451	\$3,556
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Capita	\$12,500	\$5,800
Factory Worker Average Monthly Salary	\$983	\$238
Families that Owned a Vehicle	80%	> 1%
Cost of a Pepsi	.10 cents	.53 cents

*All data is from the years 1980–1990

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