Population Pyramid Project

You will use data from the following website to analyze population trends:

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/informationGateway.php>

Step 1. Choose a region from the region box (the region you chose should be highlighted). Scroll down and click on “submit.” A series of demographic statistics for all the countries in that region will then appear, including the population for both males and females for every 5-yr cohort.

Step 2. Choose two of those countries in the region you chose to compare. \*Hint: look at the numbers to find two countries within the region with DISIMILAR population characteristics.

Step 3. Produce (draw) a Population Pyramid for each of the two countries you chose.

Step 4. Repeat steps 1-3 for 2 more regions.

 **ANALYSIS QUESTIONS:**

1. For each pyramid, what does the shape most closely resemble (e.g., a classic “pyramid” or “Christmas tree”, a barrel, a rectangle, an inverted “Christmas tree”)? <http://www.prb.org/Educators/TeachersGuides/HumanPopulation/Change.aspx?p=1>
2. What does the shape of a pyramid indicate about its patterns of fertility and mortality?
3. What are the differences between the two pyramids that you have selected from each region? Please discuss each region under a different letter heading (example- a) Europe, b) South Asia, etc.) and be sure to comment on age/gender differences.
4. What do you think accounts for the different pyramids from these regions? In other words, regions are supposed to be areas of some uniformity- why are there such differences between the population pyramids of these two countries? Again, please discuss each region under a different letter heading.

Due Date: Friday, 24th