What: Essay- Why are some countries LEDCs?

Why: To develop a structured argument using a variety of information

Success criteria (how):

2-3 sides of A4

Use examples of countries within your answer- Try and use development indicators to illustrate answers

Try and explain reasons as social, economic, historic and environmental- Explain factors such as trade, colonialism and physical factors

Present your work in a range of appropriate geographical ways (such as annotated maps and photos)

Work is well structured and presented and has conclusions consistent with evidence presented

**Assessment:**

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| **Level** | **Descriptor** |
| 4 (minimum expected)  | * States a range of reasons why a country is less developed
* Gives some examples to illustrate ideas
* Work is well structured
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| 5-6 | * Shows a good understanding of what development is
* Identifies key terms e.g. MEDC/LEDC and understands their different characteristics
* Is able to explain several reasons accurately
* Has made some use of development indicators
* Has illustrated with detailed country examples
* Has well-structured and geographically accurately presented work
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| 7 | * Is able to accurately classify the different factors that influence development
* Has used fully developed case studies to illustrate the different factors that influence development
* Has drawn on further examples from their own research
* Has drawn detailed conclusions that return to the question for investigation
* Has used a range of skills to present information e.g. text, tables, graphs, annotated photos and maps
* Uses excellent communication used throughout
* Provides critical analysis of the ‘development’ as a concept as a method of illustrating world development
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**Further advice:**

* Start by - defining development and explaining the pattern (location) of LEDCs/MEDCs across the globe.
* Include a paragraph to explain the factors that can influence development (e.g. economic, social, historical, environmental)
* Include a couple of country studies and explain why they are more/less developed – the BBC country profiles are very good - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm>
* Conclusion - finish your essay by summarizing answering the main question "Why are some countries LEDCs?"