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Writing Assignment #1

Pick a country other than the US. Write a short paper describing the economic experience of that country over the past 20 years (or more if you can find the information). The economic experience includes, at a minimum, the behavior of output, inflation, unemployment and competitiveness of that economy. Use the chapter *Globalization and Competitiveness* to structure your discussion of competitiveness. Include in the discussion the steps taken by the country to improve its competitiveness.

Include graphs showing output, unemployment and inflation. What is the annual growth rate of output for your country over the sample period? If possible, also include a graph of productivity for your country over the time period you study. You may be able to find growth accounting for the country you choose as a source of data on productivity. Be precise about the measurement of the variables. Good sources of information are the World Bank (World Development Indicators), the International Monetary Fund (World Economic Outlook, Database) and the Penn World Table (cited in the textbook). Be sure to cite your sources.

Your essay should be between 2 and 3 typed pages long, not including the graph(s) and references. The assignment is due on or before Thursday, September 18 by 5pm.

Please submit your work in hard copy **and** as a .pdf file attached to an email. The projects will be posted in the Course Content section on WebCT.