**GRADE: 5**

**Are people happier living in America or in Mexico?**

**Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Part III:** This part consists of a document-based question. On this part, you will be provided with one version of the test based on your readiness to handle critical thinking challenges.

Document Based Question

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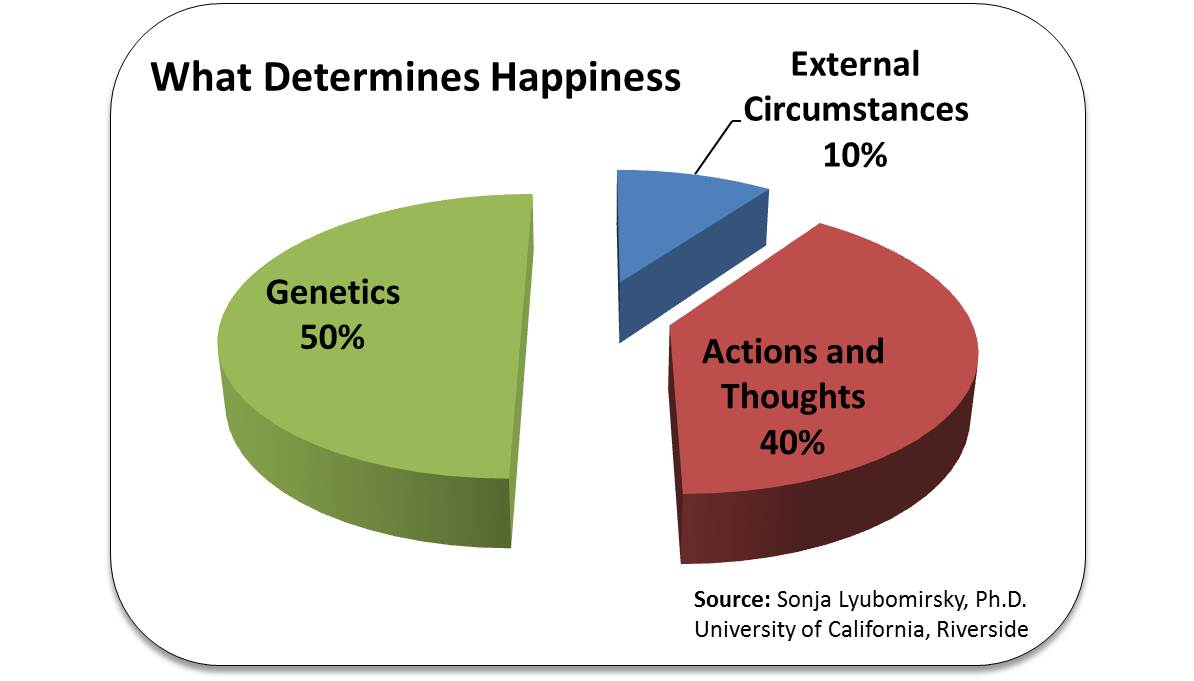
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Document #1:

**How you react to what happens to you in life**

**What happens to you in life**

**10%**

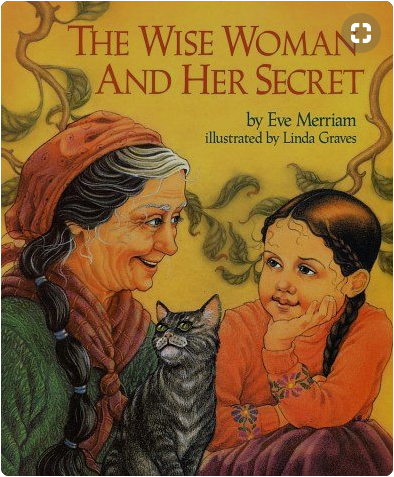
1. According to the document, which section of the pie chart do psychologists believe contributes the least to our happiness?

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2. Referring to the chart, what is responsible for 50% of our happiness?

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3. Referring to the chart, what does 40% of our happiness relate to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [1]



Document #2

Renowned for her wisdom, an old woman is sought out by people who come from far and wide, eager to discover the secret source of her insights. "You will have to discover it for yourself", she tells them, and so their search begins. But one little girl, who likes to wander and wonder, lag and linger, has already found the secret that eludes her elders".

1. Based on the document above, what does the wise woman say about finding happiness?

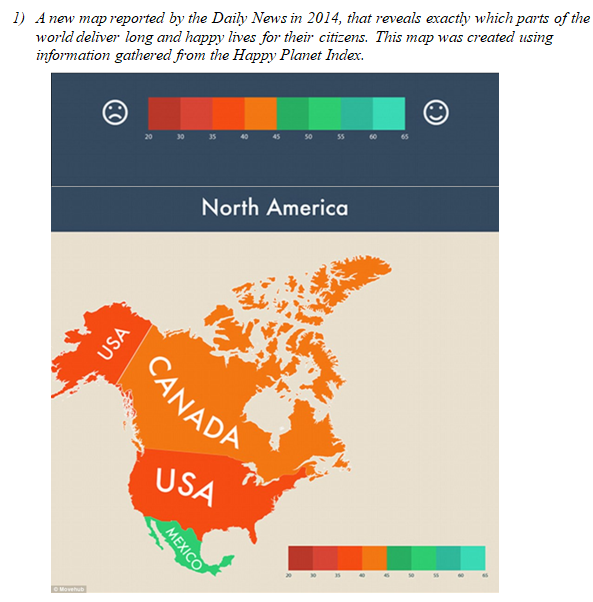
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2. According the above document, what two things does the wise woman say have led to Jenny’s happiness?

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3. Based on this definition of happiness, would having more money automatically make you a happier person? What would make you happier?

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Document #3:

1. Based on the document above, which country is happiest on the chart?

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2. Do you think one test can determine the happiness of an entire country?

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Document #4

“Violent crimes have been declining in the U.S. for over three decades, and have been increasing in Mexico during the same period. More Mexicans have been killed in drug wars than Americans killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined.”

-*Glen Olives (2015) from the Mexican News*

1. According to the document, which country has higher crime rates?

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2. How does this document compare to the information in document #3?

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3. How do you think the crime rate affects the happiness of citizens in a region?

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Document #5

1. What percentage of people are generally satisfied with their life in Mexico?

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2. Is this conclusive evidence that people in Mexico are happier than people in America?

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Document #6

1. According to the document, how does the percentage of people suffering from depression in Mexico compare to those in the United States?

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1. Why do you think more people in the United States, one of the richest countries in the world, has such a high rate of depression? (refer to document #1)

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**DBQ Scoring Rubric**

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