Rostow’s Development Model

**Directions:**

- **Description:** What does the society look like? Describe its level of development (HDI, life expectancy, education, etc.). Which sector do most of the people work in?
- **Country:** Use the description that you created above to select a country that might be in that particular stage today.
- **US:** Provide the time period when the US was in that particular stage.
- **Impetus for change:** Describe the necessary conditions for the country to move to the next stage.
- **Barriers to Change:** Use this section to critique the model’s optimism. Use your imagination to explain why countries might find it difficult to make the transition.

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TRADITIONAL SOCIETY
Limited technology; static society

PRECONDITIONS FOR TAKE-OFF
Commercial exploitation of agriculture and extractive industry

Transition triggered by external influence, interests, or markets

INSTALLATION OF PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS, RAILWAYS, ETC.) AND EMERGENCE OF SOCIAL/POLITICAL ELITE

INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING EXCEEDS 10 PERCENT OF NATIONAL INCOME; DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

TAKE-OFF
Development of a manufacturing sector

DRIVE TO MATURITY
Development of wider industrial and commercial base

Exploitation of comparative advantages in international trade

HIGH MASS CONSUMPTION