

**Outcome 8.1:** explain the concept of political stability.

Read pp. 377-382 and refer to your notes to complete the items below.

1. **Comparison:** How are politics and geopolitics different? Provide examples for each.

2. **Knowledge:** What does it mean to say that a country experiences political stability? What characteristics determine this?

3. **Cause and Consequence:** What general factors contribute to political instability? Summarize these under the headings below.

Government	Economy	Fairness, Equality, and Human Rights

Read the case study on political instability in Venezuela (pp. 378-380) and respond to the items below.

4. **Evidence:** The case study describes the political and economic situation that has contributed to political instability in Venezuela. Provide two pieces of evidence for each.

Political / Government	Economic

5. **Perspective:** How have the following stakeholders been affected by instability in Venezuela?

Stakeholder / Group	How they have been affected
Political Leaders in Venezuela	
Venezuelan Citizens	
Neighbouring Countries (e.g., Columbia and Ecuador)	

6. **Draw Conclusions:** Look at the statistics for Canada and Venezuela on p. 380. Identify the area you think is of greatest concern for Venezuela. How would addressing problems in this area help improve political stability and quality of life for people in this country?

7. **Value Judgement:** National sovereignty ensures that Venezuela has the right to manage its own affairs without interference by other states. Using two arguments, explain whether you agree or disagree with the statement below.

**The international community should step in to address issues affecting the quality of life of citizens in Venezuela.**