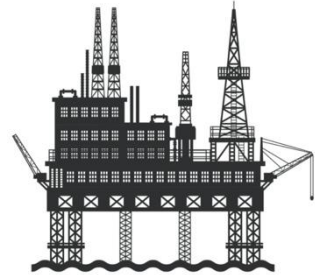**WHAT'S UP**

A Wheel of Ideas

An activity of "Southeast Asia's youngest country"

An idea wheel is a type of graphic organiser that lets you quickly see the key points of a topic. The example below shows details about Timor-Leste, taken from the article "Southeast Asia's youngest country" (page 14, *What's Up* May 2022). Can you create one for Singapore? Read the What's Up article. Then, fill in the idea wheel on the next page. You may use the categories in the example or create your own!
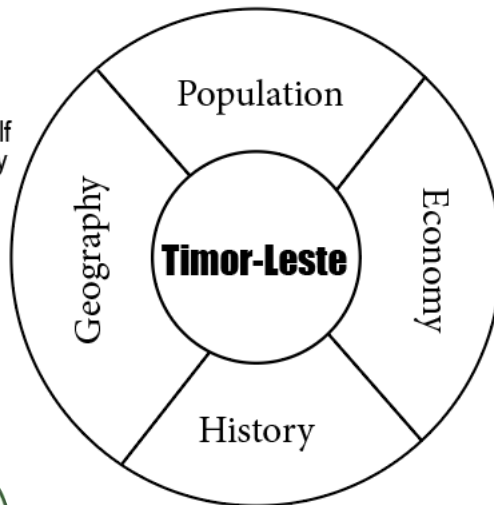
EXAMPLE OF AN IDEA WHEEL

- 1.3 million people
- Many indigenous groups
- Tetun account for 1/4 of population
- Small communities of Hakka Chinese, Timorese Indian
- Official languages: Tetun, Portuguese
- Working languages: English, Bahasa Indonesia
- Religion: mostly Roman Catholic

- 15,000 sq km
- Comprises eastern half of Timor island; nearby islands of Atauro and Jaco; and Oecusse
- Has wide diversity of habitats, including forested mountains, marshlands, coastal swamps

Population

Geography

Timor-Leste

Economy

History

- Extraction of oil reserves in the Timor Sea account for 80% of economy
- Second largest export is coffee
- Rural residents mostly fish, farm or do other agricultural work
- Tourism increasing recently

- Claimed by Portuguese and Dutch during the time of European colonialism
- Portuguese colony for more than 400 years
- Declared independence on 28 Nov 1975
- Invaded by Indonesia 9 days later
- Under Indonesia control for 24 years
- Held first free elections in 2001
- Regained independence in 2002

Singapore