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Finland and Denmark are #1 and #2 in happiness rankings and they both rank near the top in the UN's Human Development Index. What is it about life in these countries that cause them to rank so highly? Why are they so high in human development, and how does this relate to happiness? We will discuss objective facts about them and brainstorm ideas that will help answer these questions.

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