Exploring Growth

If you haven't already shown your students the BBC's 'What is GDP?' clip, it's probably worth doing so:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-10730689

Then, assuming you have access to internet enabled devices, get your students to look at the links between GDP/capita and other variables to come to a conclusion about the extent to which growth is good.

http://www.gapminder.org/world

A list of variables that might be useful:

Life expectancy
Improved sanitation
CO_2 emissions per person (log not linear)
Literacy rates
Murder rates
Child mortality rates
Employment by sector (agriculture)

Growth and other objectives

One good exercise is the one on Australia from the AD/AS section, which can be done at this stage (AD/AS diagrams aren't needed, although some understanding of actual and potential growth is useful). You will find this in the Australia vs UK resource in Unit 5

Also you might try the set piece linkage ideas in either the digital resource or the exploring growth printable resource.