

My country is \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Nombres: \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

You have been assigned 1 of the 21 Spanish Speaking Countries. This project is designed for a team of two to conduct Internet-based research on a Spanish-speaking country. You are going to plan an imaginary vacation for 3-4 days to one of the 21 Spanish speaking countries. You and your partner are to present this information to the class in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.

This project is also a contest. Your group must convince the rest of the class that your trip was better than the rest of the groups. At the end of the presentations, the class will vote on the best trip/presentation. The winning group will earn 10 points extra credit on their unit test.

Presentations will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. All students are expected to be present each day of presentations to receive full credit for their project (unless class conflict or illness). Students will complete worksheets on each country during other classmates' presentations that will count as grades as well. You will have 3 class days plus the weekend to work on your project. I will be monitoring your work and giving you suggestions as you work. This project should not be completed in a day. You will need all 3 school days to reach the level of work expected. Pace yourselves and use your time wisely. Discuss any conflicts with me ASAP!

### Research notes in English / Spanish

- You will do your research for homework. You will bring your research notes to work on during class time.
- Use the internet, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference material about your country.
- You will cite all your sources. Make sure to bring that information.
- You will turn in all your research notes as part of your final project.

### Research the following information about your country.

- Name and capital of the country
- Part of the world the country is located (North America, Central America, South America, or Europe).
- Insert a map of the country, label its bordering countries /oceans.
- What does the flag of this country look like?
- What does it represent?
- Insert a picture of the flag.
- Passport requirements. Do you need a passport to travel to this location?
- Visa requirements
- How long does it take to get to this location by airplane from Phoenix, AZ?
  - Include the airline, connections as well as your destination.

- Weight limit per suitcase.
- How much was the airplane ticket per person?
- Time of the year that you visited this location. Summer, fall, spring or winter.
- Describe the weather/climate of this country during your imaginary vacations.
  - Cloudy, raining, hot , cold, windy
- When is the best time of the year to visit your destination?
- Currency of your destination –
  - name of currency
  - exchange rate to US dollars
  - picture of currency
- Typical foods
  - include some typical foods eaten in the country, include pictures
  - at least one recipe that you might like to make at home.
- Find 3-5 interesting places to visit or activities to do in your country.
  - Include pictures and information about these places/popular tourist destinations
  - what makes it a popular destination, and
  - any other interesting or important information about the destination
- Identify the places you visited on a map of the country.
- Include interesting, intriguing and/or unusual findings about this country.
- Cultural description
  - Each one of you needs to pick one favorite part of this trip. This can be a place, famous landmark or monument, product, music, animal, food, or animal.
  - Share why this was your favorite part of the trip (3-5 sentences for each)
- Conclusion
- Bibliography – list all sources/websites use

### Draft of presentation in Spanish

- You will work during class time to create a draft of your presentation.
- You will turn it in as part of your final project

### Presentation in Spanish

- You choose how you want to present. You can use power point presentation, photos, and prompts.
- Your presentation needs to be at least 5 - 6 minutes long, so be sure to have enough information to fill this time slot.
- Both team members need to speak during their presentation
- If there is one thing you should keep in mind when doing the research and organizing your PowerPoint presentation, it is to try to convince your classmates that the country you're presenting is the best one. Make them want to visit that country. It is a contest!
- *The PowerPoint should contain at the very least 15 slides.*

- The PowerPoint presentation will be graded not only on the content (information), but also on:
  - how well it is put together,
  - choice of illustrations and images,
  - organization of the information,
  - the way it is presented to the class,
  - and overall impression on the class. One of your goals is to make the students want to travel to this country.

Make sure you include images that will make your classmates want to go to the country that you have selected. Remember, you are trying to persuade your fellow students that your trip was the best one! Your PowerPoint presentation should be lively and colorful to grab their attention. Maps of the country, pictures of famous places or landscapes are all great ways to keep the class engaged.

#### Craft the country flag

- Consult a reference source to locate a colored picture of your flag.
- Craft a flag of your country that is 8 x 10 inches. It can be made of fabric, any craft material, felt, pasta, etc. The class will vote for the craftiest creation. The winning group will earn 5 points extra credit on their project.

These are just some of the links you can use to help you complete your research

- [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)
- [www.expidia.com](http://www.expidia.com)
- Rate of Exchange- [currency converter](#)
- This site contains info on culture, foods, etc.: <http://www.donquijote.org/culture/>
- More facts on countries: <http://www.kidinfo.com/Geography/The World.html>
- Even more facts <http://lanic.utexas.edu/>
- More Facts on countries: <http://www.kidinfo.com/Geography/The World.html>
- Country reports: <http://www.countryreports.org/>
- <http://www.worldatlas.com/>
- <http://www.veintemundos.com/en/spanish/>
- <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- <http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- Most countries have their own tourism and basic knowledge websites. Just type in the name of the country.com and see what you get. Some of these may be in Spanish. If you have a hard time understanding them, you may go to <http://www.babelfish.altavista.com/> and enter the URL for your site and it will translate the page for you. Every word may not be accurate, but you can get the idea.