

Unit 3 Project: Utopian Creation
Create Your Own Utopia

Standards: RI2, RI1, RL1, RL3, W2, W9

Learning Targets: 1, 3, 9, 10, 18

Due Dates: **Written Portion- Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

Visual and Presentation- Wednesday, December 20, 2017 (1/5) or Thursday, December 21, 2017 (2/6)

As we read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, you will work in your chosen groups to create your own utopia. You will be expected to complete tasks in class and at home.

Individual Tasks

Each group member will be assigned and responsible for fulfilling specific tasks. Aside from researching and adding elements to your group's utopia, each member will also be responsible for writing a 1-2 paragraph summary for their specific task. Your final product must be submitted in **one Google Doc**, along with a visual aid to represent your society. You will not only use the information you've learned about the idea of Utopia in class, but use your creativity in creating this "ideal" society.

Tasks:

Physical Geography- Based on the current region you are studying in social studies, decide where your utopian society will be located. Be specific. Consider and research all factors including demographics, economy, culture, and resources.

Environmental Factors- Research the environmental factors that may affect survival, economy, agricultural resources, and come up with solutions to possible environmental problems.

Government- Decide what kind of government best fits your group's utopian society. Consider and research the various governments you have learned about. Describe how your government will be structured. Who will govern the society? Who will create the rules/laws? And why

Map Scaling/Design- Using map scaling skills, create a map of your utopian society. Be specific with details as to where certain points of interests are located (houses, buildings, vegetation, rivers/lakes, etc.) and why they are located at particular places.

The person who chooses this role will also be responsible to editing the groups google document prior to submission, and spearhead the visual aid creation.

Before making a final decision about each task make sure that the WHOLE group agrees with the decision.

Group Responsibilities

Aside from individual tasks, as a group you will need to decide and include the following information in your written summary:

- **Name of your Utopian society** – Choose a creative and appropriate name to represent your new society. Write a meaningful statement that tells why your group chose this name.
- **Declaration of Independence** – Write a brief statement describing the reason why you formed your utopian society. In this statement you must answer the following questions:
 1. What don't you like about your current society?
 2. How has the current society broken your trust?
 3. Why do you feel the need to form a more perfect society?
 4. How will your society be different?
 5. Does your society have some of the same characteristics as your current society? Yes or No – If yes, then tell which ideas are the same.
- **Utopian Motto and Flag** – Create a slogan or motto that citizens of your society will follow, and draw a utopian flag. Write a brief description that explains the meaning of the motto and flag that you chose.
- **Utopian Animal or Mascot** – What animal would best symbolize your society? Explain your choice, and include a picture of the animal.
- **List of Rules** – Develop a list of 10 rules that all community members must follow.
- **Holidays and Celebrations** – Create 2-3 unique holidays and celebrations that your society will have throughout the year. For each holiday make sure you include a date and a reason why you chose these dates.

Written Format

Your group's written summary should follow the format below:

- Name of your society
- Declaration of Independence
- Motto and flag
- Animal/Mascot
- Physical Geography
- Environmental Factors
- Government
- Rules
- Holidays and celebrations

Visual Aid

Your group's visual aid should include (but not limited to) the following:

- Name of society
- Flag
- Map scaling visual
- Brief summary (5 sentences) of the physical, government, and environment information
- Neatly created