

World Geography Country Project Rubric

Name _____ Country _____

Part I: Physical

Topography: (99 pts)

1. Mountains: (35 pts) (list the top 5)
 - a. _____ 5pts Highest: _____ 5pts elevation:
 - b. _____ 5pts Ranges: (list the top 5) _____ 5pts Name:
 - c. _____ 5pts Special Characteristics
 - d. _____ 5pts Legends or special historical significance
 - e. _____ 5pts Locate on your map with their name and brown shading
2. Geology: (10 pts)
 - a. Volcanoes (names and locations)
 - i. _____ 5pts Last time erupted:
 - ii. _____ 5pts Last time erupted:
 - b. _____ 10pts Mineral Deposits (give mineral type)
3. Hydrological (water) (16 pts)
 - a. _____ 2pts Largest lake _____ 2pts size
 - b. _____ 2pts Longest river _____ 2pts length
 - c. _____ 2pts Largest dam _____ 2pts size
 - d. _____ 2pts Oceans, seas bordering
 - e. _____ 2pts Major water source for human consumption (list the top 5)
4. Climate/Weather (19 pts)
 - a. _____ 5pts Climate Type
 - b. _____ 5pts Major weather characteristics (such as no rainfall, season variations)
 - c. _____ 2pts Maximum temp (use capital) _____ 2pts minimum temp
 - d. _____ 5pts Severe weather types
5. Biological (19 pts)
 - a. _____ 5pts Native major plants (specify use of plants) (list the top 5)
 - b. _____ 5pts Native major animal types (list the top 5)
 - c. _____ 2pts Find a photo of plant/animal species native to country. Insert into your power point.
 - d. _____ 5pts Endangered species (specify if they are protected)
 - e. _____ 2pts Does the country have any rain forests? (if yes, indicate on map w/ name and color green)

Part II: Political

1. Borders (15 pts)

- a. _____ 10 pts List all bordering countries
- b. _____ 5pts List any lakes, river, or oceans that are part of the border.

2. Government (30)

- a. _____ 5 pts Year your country was established or gained independence
- b. _____ 5 pts type of government
- c. _____ 5 pts Name of leader
- d. _____ 15 pts record of government (successful, failure, violence, not stable, etc)

3. Wars (28 pts)

- a. List Major wars fought (12 pts)
 - _____ 2 pts major war _____ 2 pts years fought
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 - _____ 2 pts major war _____ 2 pts years fought
- b. _____ 2 pts Which wars were started by your country, if any?
- c. _____ 2 pts In which wars was your country a victim of an aggressor?
- d. _____ 2 pts Is your country a conquered state now?
-If yes, by whom?
- e. _____ 5 pts Present enemies of your country
- f. _____ 5 pts Present allies.

4. Political Future (10 pts)

- a. . _____ 5 pts What is a positive future scenario?
- b. . _____ 5 pts What is a negative future scenario?

Part III: Social/Cultural

- 1. _____ 5 pts What is the major language(s) of the country? (list the top 5)
- 2. _____ 5 pts What is the major region(s) of the country? (list the top 5)
- 3. _____ 5 pts What are some of the characteristics of the major religion(s) of the country?
- 4. _____ 5 pts What are some examples of the written language of the country? (hello, good-bye, one, two, three, etc)
- 5. What are the Religions of your country?
 - a. _____ 5 pts Current Leader or Key Figure (God or Icon)
 - b. _____ 10 pts What do they practice?
 - c. _____ 10 pts Religious Holidays / Times
 - d. _____ 10 pts Traditional Ceremonies

- e. _____ 5 pts Extreme Views
6. _____ 10 pts What are some examples of typical foods/diets of your country?
7. _____ 5 pts What kinds of native music is enjoyed by people in your country?
8. _____ 10 pts List as many of the following as you can from your country:
 - a. Musician
 - b. Artist
 - c. Scientist
 - d. World leader
 - e. Religious leader
9. _____ 5 pts What are some typical types of clothing worn in your country?
10. _____ 5 pts Are any important social changes taking place right now?

Part IV: Demographic

1. Capital
 - a. _____ 2 pts Name the capital.
 - b. _____ 2 pts Find some interesting information about the capital.
 - c. _____ 2 pts Population of the capital.
 - d. _____ 2 pts meaning or origin of the capital's name.
 - e. _____ 2 pts previous locations of the capital (all of them).
2. _____ 2 pts What is the largest city in your country?
3. _____ 2 pts What is the population of this city?
4. _____ 2 pts What is the population of your country?
5. _____ 2 pts What is the literacy rate of your country?
6. _____ 2 pts What is the infant mortality rate of your country?
7. _____ 2 pts What is the average per capita income for your country?
8. _____ 2 pts What is the birthrate of your country?
9. _____ 2 pts What is the gross national product of your country?
10. _____ 2 pts What is the monetary (money) value of your country?
 - a. _____ 2 pts What is its present worth in American dollars?
11. _____ 2 pts Does the government encourage or discourage large families?
12. _____ 2 pts How and why do they encourage or discourage having the large families?

_____ 9 pts Works cited page

_____ 50 pts Presentation of Material

_____ Bonus pts

_____ Total Points / **360** Possible Points = _____ % = _____ Letter Grade

Part V: Map Work 1

1. Borders: List the obvious reasons for border configuration. (geographical and cultural)
2. Which countries border your country?
3. What states or divisions make up your country?
4. On your map, write in the answers for #2 and #3. (label your map)
5. Show and write in on your map the following city info:
 - a. Largest city
 - b. Capital
 - c. Major port
 - d. Double (Twin) city (s)
 - e. Major railroad center
 - f. Major airplane center
 - g. City with the most unique name
6. Trace the route of a major highway
7. Write the latitude and longitude of the N-S and E-W edges of your country.
8. List next to them on the map the names of major islands belonging to the country.
9. Looking at your map, what does the shape of your country remind you of?
10. Find a photo taken from a satellite and describe your impression of what it looks like.

Part VI: Symbols

1. Find an illustration of the flag of your country. Make a drawing of it.
2. Explain the symbols and colors of the flag.
 - a. Colors:
 - b. Meaning of color:
 - c. Symbols:
3. Explain the history and origin of your flag.
4. Describe other flags that are also officially used for your country.

Part VII: map work 2

1. On your map, place the following:
 - a. Highest mountain
 - b. Lowest point
 - c. Largest lake
 - d. Largest dam
 - e. Largest forest/jungle

- f. Largest desert
- g. Longest river
- h. Largest delta
- i. Largest harbor
- j. Nearest island
- k. Major grassland
- l. Other (specify)

Country Project: Conclusion(On power Point)

1. What is the one most interesting thing you have learned about the country that you researched?
2. What is one unpleasant thing you learned about the country?
3. Based on the research do you feel the people of your researched country are a warm happy people who would make you feel comfortable if you visited them
4. Works cited page

Possible Sources

www.Nationmaster.com

www.CIA.gov

World Fact (right hand)

www.infoplease.com/countries.html

www.studentsoftheworld.info/menu_infopays.html

<http://future.state.gov/where/maps.html>

www.worldbank.org/countries

www.nationsencyclopedia.com