

GLOBAL INFORMATION SOCIETY

CULTURAL INVESTIGATION



OBJECTIVE

STUDENTS WILL INVESTIGATE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY'S CULTURE AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR LIFESTYLE, RELIGIONS, CUSTOMS, PROBLEMS, LANGUAGE, ENVIRONMENT AND INTERNAL VIEWS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

INSTRUCTIONS

- THOROUGHLY RESEARCH EACH OF THE CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS LISTED ON PAGE 2 AND WRITE A 3 - 4 PAGE INFORMATIONAL REPORT. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE NEW SOFTWARE "TRICKS OF THE TRADE" AS YOU LEARN THEM IN THIS COURSE TO ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE AND FORMAT OF YOUR REPORT.
- CREATE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE MAIN POINTS OF YOUR REPORT.
- PRESENT YOUR FINDINGS TO THE CLASS FOR 10 - 15 MINUTES.
- GIS STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF TWO REPORTS PER SEMESTER

ROAD MAP TO REPORTING SUCCESS

BEGIN YOUR INVESTIGATION USING THE [CIA WORLD FACTBOOK](#)

PART 1 – BACKGROUND INFORMATION – APPROX. 1 PAGE

I. Geography

A. Obtain and insert a political map of the country

B. List the following major statistics:

1. Location
2. Climate
3. Terrain
4. Natural Resources
5. Land Use

II. Environment

A. List current environmental issues

B. List international environmental agreements

III. People

A. List the following major statistics

1. Population
2. Life expectancy
3. Infant mortality rate
4. HIV/AIDS prevalence rate
5. People living with HIV/AIDS
6. Religions
7. Ethnic groups
8. Literacy rate

IV. Government

A. List the following major statistics

1. Country name
2. Government type
3. Legal system
4. Executive branch
5. Legislative branch

V. Economy

A. List the following major statistics

1. Identify the type of economic system (market, command, or traditional)
2. Economic overview
3. GDP
4. GDP Real Growth
5. GDP per capita
6. % of population below poverty level
7. Currency
8. Exchange rate to USD



PART II – NARRATIVE SECTION – APPROX. 2 – 3 PAGES

- FIND NEW INFORMATION USING EDUCATIONAL SOURCES VIA THE INTERNET OR LIBRARY.
- YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FIND EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF CITIZENS LIVING IN YOUR COUNTRY IN EACH SECTION TO ENHANCE YOUR REPORT.
- YOU MUST INCLUDE PARENTHETICAL CITATION AND A WORKS CITED PAGE.

I. Lifestyle Section

- a. Describe the physical and socio-economical environment in which the majority of the population lives.
- b. What is the primary language? Are there others used? Explain.
- c. Do they enjoy material comforts like some U.S. citizens? Explain.
- d. Describe the labor force employed.
- e. Describe leisure and entertainment activities.

II. Religion Section

- a. What are the main religions practiced? Does one tend to dominate the others?
- b. Does religion influence the political order of your country's society? Explain why or why not.
- c. What are some of the major religious customs that are practiced?
- d. Major holidays observed?
- e. Are there any non-religious customs practiced?

III. Domestic Problems and Issues

- a. Identify any major environmental problems? Are measures being taken to combat them?
- b. What are the main health problems?
- c. What are the main political problems or issues? (Examples – Constant civil unrest, EU membership, political lobbyists)
- d. What are the major economic problems?

IV. International views and problems

- a. Are there any international disputes or wars?
- b. How do citizens view immigration? As a problem or is it acceptable? Explain.
- c. Is there a feeling of isolationism in practice or international cooperation and trade?



NOTE – FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATION, CHOOSE ONLY THE MOST INFORMATIVE INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS. TELL EYEWITNESS STORIES!