

World Geography Summer Assignment 2017 Country Portfolio

Welcome to World Geography! In this course, you will learn about geography, history, and cultures from around the world. As we start this journey around the globe, you will be learning about another culture by creating a country portfolio. You will make a poster to demonstrate knowledge of a specific country in the assigned region. See below for requirements and which region you will choose from.

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Based on your last name, you will choose one (1) country in the assigned region to make your portfolio. For example, if your last name is McGee, you will choose a country in Central America to research.

LAST NAME	REGION
A-D	Africa
E-H	Asia (Includes Middle East)
I-L	Australia & Oceania (Includes Pacific Islands)
M-P	Central America (Includes Caribbean)
Q-T	Europe (Includes Russia)
U-Z	South America

Information Requirements: Please include the following on your poster

- **History & Government:**
 - Foundation or independence of country
 - Major historical events
 - Type of government
 - Current government leader
- **Maps:**
 - Physical map of your country
 - Political map of your country
- **Population Patterns:**
 - Where people live in your country? (ex: coastal areas, cities, rural areas)
 - Life expectancy - How long do people live in your country?
 - Ethnicity breakdown - What are the ethnicities in your country? What percentage of people are each of those ethnicities?
 - Total fertility rate - What is the average number of children a woman has in your country?
 - Provide an image of the population pyramid for your country

- **Society & Culture:**
 - What do people do for entertainment?
 - Holidays and traditions celebrated
 - Customs your country practices (ex: saying please and thank you)
 - Clothing trends - Include seasonal trends
- **Family Life:**
 - Do people in your country live in extended or nuclear families?
 - Average family size
- **Economy:**
 - How does your country make money? (ex. tourism, industry, natural resources)
 - Who are their trading partners?
 - GDP per capita
- **Religion:**
 - What religions are practiced in your country?
 - What percentage of people practice each religion in your country?
 - What impact does religion have on your government?
- **Language:**
 - What languages are spoken in your country?
 - What percentage of people speak each language in your country?
- **Role of Women:**
 - Do women have equality in your country?
 - Do women have the right to vote in your country?
 - What types of jobs can women have in your country?
- **Image**
 - Provide 2-3 images representing your country with captions

**Poster requirements, works cited instructions, and suggested resources on the next page.*

Poster Visual Requirements:

- Size: 11" X 14" minimum
- Color
- Country name and your name
- Can be made by hand, typed, computer generated, collage, or combination
- You may use pie charts or graphs to provide any of the information above. Be sure to use complete sentences when you need to provide written answers.

Works Cited Requirements:

- MLA format
- Glue, tape, staple, or paper clip to the back of your poster

Websites to use for resources:

- Census Bureau: Use these sites to find statistics about your country. In your search engine, write your country name and then census bureau to find your country's Census Bureau. For example: I would "google" "US Census Bureau" to find the census information about the United States.
- CIA World Factbook: This is a great place to find information about your country.
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- Honors World Geography textbook: If you receive this early enough, the chapters provide brief summaries of many countries.
- National Geographic: The website can be used for images or to find cultural information about your country. Some of their sources require membership, so please be aware of fees before clicking links.
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- Purdue OWL: Use this when you need help with an MLA formatted works cited.
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

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