

Honors World Geography Summer Assignment 2021 Digital Country Portfolio

Welcome to Honors World Geography! In this course, you will learn about geography, current events, and cultures from around the world. As we start this journey around the globe, you will be learning about another culture by creating a digital country portfolio. You will make one electronic product to demonstrate knowledge of a specific country in the assigned region. See below for requirements and which region you will choose from. If you have any questions, please let us know at elizabeth_poppens@charleston.k12.sc.us or arriyanna_whitaker@charleston.k12.sc.us

**YOUR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd by 11:59 PM ON
YOUR TEACHER'S CLASSROOM WEBSITE.**

**In the first few days of school, your teacher will give you the directions to turn in the
assignment.**

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 Smith, you will choose a country in Europe to research.

| LAST NAME | REGION |
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| 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 in your portfolio

- **History & Government:**
 - Foundation or independence of country
 - Major historical events (include dates)
 - Type of government
 - Current government leader
- **Maps:**
 - Physical map (landforms) of your country
 - Political map (states, cities, etc) 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?
 - Gross Domestic Product (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
 - These images do NOT include the maps or population pyramid.

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

Digital Visual Requirements:

- Must be in one of the following digital formats:
 - PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Prezi
- Color, design, theme must be present
- There should be at least one slide for each category mentioned above.
- Country name, your name, teacher name, and class period should be on the title slide
- 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
- All work **MUST BE CITED**
 - This includes: maps, charts, graphs, images, and any other information used
 - This should be the last slide in your presentation
 - If it is not your original idea, it **MUST BE CITED**

Suggested websites to use for resources: *You do NOT have to use these. Please be sure to cite ANY resources used to complete these projects.*

- 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/>
- 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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