

Country Report Outline and Guidelines

Due: _____

Length: 3-5 pages / 5-8 paragraphs

Essay must include (but not necessarily in this order, except for paragraph 1):

Paragraph I - Introduction

- Interesting topic sentence (why do we want to keep reading this?)
- Relationship with this country
- At least one interesting fact, characteristic or anecdote about this country

Physical Features and Agriculture

- Official name of country (include nickname or meaning if applicable)
- Geographic location of country (continental location, bordering countries)
- Area of country in square miles and ratio compared to the United States
- Economics (industry, manufacturing, agriculture, import/export, etc.)
- Climate/Landforms and Natural Resources

Cultural Features – Must include some combination of the following:

- Primary/Official Language(s) spoken
- Holidays/Traditions specific or significant to the culture
- Education/Recreation
- Diet/cuisine
- How is the culture of this country unique, interesting or different from the United States?

Conclusion

- Restate introduction
- What did the reader learn about the country/your heritage?
- What would someone find interesting about the country?

****Note:**

- **Do not simply list information.**
 - o **Be sure to explain why this information matters!**
- **Refer to the general writing rubric for information on scoring.**