

# Global Studies Quarter I Homework Project: Country Presentation

My Country \_\_\_\_\_

You and a partner will develop and make a presentation to the class about a country that will be assigned to you. The work you do reading and researching and preparing this presentation is your homework for this quarter. You will make your presentation using the PowerPoint template created by Mr. Wood. You may upload the template to Google Apps and share it so that you and partner can work at the same time on the project. Use the sources listed below. The PowerPoint template is here: [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/country\\_report\\_presentation\\_blank.ppt](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/country_report_presentation_blank.ppt)

BBC Country Profiles: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)

NY Times Topics: <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/topics/index.html>

CultureGrams: <http://online.culturegrams.com/> (I do hope that **mpls inspires** you.)

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

US State Department: <http://www.state.gov/misc/list/index.htm>

NPR News: <http://www.npr.org/sections/news/>

PBS Newshour: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/>

Al Jazeera English: <http://www.aljazeera.com/#>

Lonely Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

Amnesty International Rights by Country: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/human-rights/human-rights-by-country>

Human Rights Watch Country Reports: <http://www.hrw.org/world-report-2012#countries>

United Nations Human Rights by Country: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/Pages/HumanRightsintheWorld.aspx>

CultureGrams Interviews: [http://online.culturegrams.com/world/world\\_interviews.php](http://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_interviews.php)

Expat Interviews: <http://www.expatsblog.com/articles>

Expat Blogs: <http://www.expatsblog.com/blogs>

Access to Drinking Water:

[http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/hea\\_dri\\_wat\\_ava-health-drinking-water-availability](http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/hea_dri_wat_ava-health-drinking-water-availability)

**Due on Tuesday, October 22, 2013**

**See the rubric on the other side of this sheet. Your presentation will include the following:**

1. Identify the five most important events in this nation's history. Defend your choice of each.
2. Identify the five most important geographic features of this country. Consider relative location too. Defend your choice of each.
3. Summarize the two most important recent news stories about this country. Explain why these stories are so important. Try this source first: <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/topics/index.html>
4. Identify and describe five great places to visit in this country. Identify the location of each of the places and tell why they are good places to visit. (See travel guide books, videos, and web sites – start with <http://www.lonelyplanet.com>)
5. After gathering and analyzing data about your country, make and defend three inferences about life in this country.
6. After gathering information about your country's government, ethnic groups and religions, climate, land, land use, and economy, make and defend three more inferences about life in this country.
7. Read interviews with a person from this country and or blogs from citizens from other countries who are living there (expats). Present the three most interesting things you learned from these sources.
8. Identify and defend your choices of the five biggest problems facing this country. Consider both domestic and international issues. And consider what you have read in all of the sources listed above. For international issues, see "Transnational Issues" at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

