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## Create a Country Project

For your credit recovery in this class, you get to create your own country! This will test your critical thinking skills and your application of all of the material we have covered in this geography class this semester. This packet has all of the directions, checklists, scoring, you will need to complete this project.

### **A few rules first about your country:**

1. Your country must be located somewhere on the surface of the Earth. You can create an island or you can place your country between real countries.
2. Based on the location of your country your climate and vegetation must be realistic. You cannot have a tropical forest in the desert.
3. Your group must have detailed responses to the list of questions provided.
4. You must include everything that is on the checklist provided.

**Directions:** This project has several parts. You will need to complete each part to receive full credit.

### **Part 1: The Country**

Create a country of your own. Use your imagination! The sky's the limit so have fun! Want your country to be underground? Go for it! Want people to speak only in monosyllabic grunts? Sure. Just remember that it must be logical, and you must answer the questions provided about your country. Use the questions as your checklist for making sure you have addressed all the necessary points for your country. The more detail the better.

### **Part 2: The Map**

It just wouldn't be a geography project unless you have a map. You need to draw a map that shows political and physical characteristics of your country. You need to have 5 cities including a capital city and each city needs to be named. You also need to have 6 different physical features that are named on your map. You also need to have a map title, key, and compass rose. The map needs to be neat, colorful and big enough for people to see clearly. The more detail the better.

### **Part 3: The Flag**

Your country just wouldn't be complete without a flag! On a sheet of paper, create a flag for your country. Be creative with it! Are there any important (appropriate) symbols of your country? What about colors? On the back of your flag, briefly explain your design. Why did you choose those symbols or colors?

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## Your Country Information

Answer the following questions in detail to get a sense of what your country will be like. The more detail you use, the more interesting your country will be. In order to go more in depth with your answers, you should answer these questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. What is the name of your country?
2. Where is your country located?
3. Describe the physical geography of your country. Does it have mountains? Is it an island? Is it landlocked? Does it have multiple regions? What type of tectonic plate does it sit on?
4. Describe the climate and vegetation of your country. What kind of weather does your country normally get? Is it cold and snowy? Is it dry? Does it have rainforests? Remember to take your country's physical geography into account when discussing its climate.
5. Discuss the natural resources found in your country. Do the people in your country have an abundant energy resource or are they required to import it? Do they have resources to export? Do they mine minerals? What do they grow and eat regularly?
6. Describe the population of your country. Where do people live? Why do they live there? Does your country have a huge population or a very small one? Is your country's population growing? Why or why not? Do people in your country migrate a lot or do they stay put?
7. Describe your country's cultural traits. What kind of work do they do? What are their beliefs? Do they have an interesting way of doing things? What kinds of food do they eat? What is the language of your country? Do they have multiple languages? What kind of music and art do they create? What are some of the national holidays and their significance? Are there any challenges to your country's culture or cultures? (Think customs and arts/literature)
8. Describe the religion of your country's people. Are they monotheistic, polytheistic, or something else. Describe the major religious beliefs or components.
9. Describe the social structure of your country's people. Are there social classes in your country? What are they? Is family important to the people of your country? If so, are nuclear or extended families more prevalent?
10. What kind of political system does your country have? Is your country governed by one big central government or by many smaller governments at the local level? Are there any political conflicts within the country or with other nations? What is important to your government?
11. What kind of economic system do the people of your country use? Do they use capitalism, socialism, or communism? Do they have their own unique system? What is the money called in your country? Do people even use money? What does your country buy and sell to other countries? What role does the government play in the economy of your country?

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**Map Checklist** - Use this checklist to make sure you have all the necessary parts of your maps. To meet the standard here you must meet these minimum requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Has a key or legend

\_\_\_\_\_ Has a compass rose

\_\_\_\_\_ Has a capital city

\_\_\_\_\_ Shows any political borders with other countries (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ Has at least 4 other cities with names

\_\_\_\_\_ Has at least 8 different types of physical features with names

\_\_\_\_\_ Colorful, Creative, and Neat

**Flag Checklist** - Use this checklist to make sure you have all the necessary requirements for your flag. To meet the standard here you must meet these minimum requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ My flag includes at least one color that represents something of importance for the people of my country

\_\_\_\_\_ My flag includes at least one symbol that represents something of importance for the people of my country

\_\_\_\_\_ My flag is creative, colorful, and neat

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a detailed explanation of what my flag means on the back of my flag.

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## Create A Country Scoring

### **Part 1: The Country Information**

### **Points Possible**

### **Points Earned**

Questions Answered in Detail

60

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### **Part 2: The Map**

### **Points Possible**

### **Points Earned**

1. Includes title, key, compass rose, and borders with other countries (if applicable), and the nation's capital
2. Map has at least 4 other cities that are named.
3. Map has at least 6 different types of physical features that are named.
4. Maps are creative, colorful, and neat

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### **Part 3: The Flag**

### **Points Possible**

### **Points Earned**

1. Flag includes at least one color that represents something of importance
2. Flag includes at least one symbol that represents something of importance
3. Flag is creative, colorful, and neat
4. A detailed explanation of the flag is included on the back

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**Total Points Possible: 100**

**Total Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**