

**Mr. Cooper World History - Country Profile Presentation (B-Day)**

***Nation Building and Contemporary Issues***

***Due before class on Wed. May 29th***

**Purpose:** This is an individual project in which you will study issues affecting a developing country. It is likely that the United States has a tense political or economic relationship with your country. Your purpose is to better understand how your nation has struggled to build its individual identity as a nation and explore the significance of your country's relationship with the United States in bettering or worsening life in your nation.

**Directions:** You will create a presentation on a developing country. This presentation is informational, you will want to capture your audience with interesting facts about your country. Your presentation will answer a basic question at its core: "Why do the United States and this country have a tense relationship?"

In order to answer this question, you will have to address several other issues and topics at the center of your country's political, economic and social climate.

**Questions to answer in your presentation:**

How has this nation organized itself in the post-Cold War world?

How has globalization affected this country's people and culture?

How has this developing nation worked with other nations to identify and attempt to solve common challenges?

How does this nation interact with or how is this nation influenced by the United States?

Have the policies of the United States helped or hurt this country's development?

Does the United States have a travel advisory warning Americans not to visit this country? If so, why?

**Other Questions to Consider:**

Have Americans traveled to this country recently or in the past? What was their experience like?

What are the reasons why someone would want to visit this country (i.e. tourist attractions, religious ties, ecotourism)?

Has the post-Cold War world and globalization facilitated terrorist organizations in or around your country? How so?

What are the plans in place to better the US' relationship with this country?

**Bibliography:**

The final slide of your presentation should be a Works Cited Page that includes at least 3 sources used for information, listed in MLA Format.

**In Class Research:**

You will have three dedicated class periods for research and project construction. You will also have specific checkpoints to receive credit for the work you have done in class. At the end of research day 2 and 3 you will be asked to demonstrate your progress completed in that class period.

**Due Date:**

B-day projects will have the same due date- Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> before class starts. Your PowerPoint and Google Slides must be shared by email with me. [coopers@luhsd.net](mailto:coopers@luhsd.net)

No late projects will be accepted, regardless of absences. Your project is due by email before class on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Email your project with the following subject line: "First and Last Name, Class Period, Country"**

**Presentations:**

Your presentation must be between **5 minutes long**. You will be timed during your presentation.

A-Day presentations will take place on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you are absent on the day you are scheduled to present, you must arrange another presentation time within this window.

**Grading:** Your project will receive a score out of 50 and will be graded on the expectations outlined on the rubric printed out and distributed in class. This is the last major assignment before the final exam.