

Country Fair Report

May 18, 2018

It's time for the 6th grade Country Fair!! During this process, students will complete a series of eleven assignments that will allow them to participate in the 6th grade Country Fair. The majority of this assignment will be done at school. However, if a student feels like they need more time or they fall behind, some work may have to be done at home.

Attached you will find a detailed list of assignments that students will be working on. All assignments must be complete to attend the fair. We have broken the due dates for the assignments down, to make this process more manageable for students. Students may choose to turn assignments in early.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Mrs. Stocking

Before Spring Break:

- Students will be assigned their country.
- Students will write & email a letter to the embassy of their country.

After Spring Break:

- Students will begin work on the 11 assignments of the country report.
- Week of May 14-18, students should have a display board so they can be their display boards together in class.
- May 18: 6th grade country fair.

For the Country Fair:

- Students must have a display board with ten parts of the assignment on it. They will also have a chrome book playing their language video.
- Students may choose to provide food from their country for sampling. (Reminder of the district food policy: food items brought to school need to be store bought.)

Letter To The Embassy: (Done in class)

Write to your country's U.S. embassy and see what information you can receive through the mail. Maybe sample stamps, or money or general tourist information.

www.Embassy-worldwide.com

Find the address to ALL embassies...make sure you write to the one in the U.S.A. Some embassies also have websites that can be found through this link.

You will need to send this same letter via email. The following website provides the emails of all of the embassies in Washington D.C. : [Embassy Emails](#) *You will need to adjust your letter in the email!* You should delete the addresses and the date. Also, instead of asking them for information via mail, ask them to send you links via the internet.

washington@diplobel.fed.be

Country Report

Dear Embassy of the Philippines:

Hi, my name is Savannah E. I am in sixth grade. I like to play soccer and swim. My favorite subjects are math, science, and reading. My brother went to the Philippines on his mission. I thought that it was cool so I decided to do my country report on the Philippines.

The country report is where we each pick a country. We learn about it and then we make a poster board on the country that we picked. I was wondering if you had any flags from the Philippines that you can please send me. If you could also send me brochures about the Philippines

Bibliography

Using the "Country Report Bibliography Record" you will need to keep record of ALL resources used for your project. You will give credit to the authors of books and articles found online that you use while you research your country.

For your display board and final reflection, you will need to create an official list using the specific formats we have discussed for a Bibliography.

Vital Statistics

The vital statistics section of your project tells the reader about the facts of the country. No details or lengthy descriptions are given here, just one word answers and pictures. Make sure it is neat and professional.

Please create a **slide show** to include:

1. Population,
2. Area,
3. High and low elevations,
4. Languages spoken,
5. Ethnicity (race),
6. Religions,
7. Type of government
8. National Symbols (such as national colors, animal, etc.)

[Use the Culture Gram website - lots of information!](#)

Language

Hi! (English); Hola! (Spanish); Guten Tag! (German); Bonjour! (French); Salve! (Italian); Hallo! (Norwegian); Buna Ziua! (Romanian)

Learn to speak a new language today!

Ever wished you knew a language no one else knew? Ever just wanted to be able to speak a foreign language? Well, here is your chance to begin.

1. Find out how your country says hello, goodbye, yes, no, please, and thank-you.
2. Plus choose at least 10 other words and give their English meaning.
3. Use Adobe Spark to create a video. Put each of your words on a slide and use the voiceover tool to speak the word in your country's language and in English.

[Adobe Spark Link](#)

**If the people from your country speak English, find 16 cultural specific words/phrases. For example, in Australia 'mate' is often used for 'friend'. In England 'queue up' is used for 'line up.'

Famous People

History creates, tells, and remembers stories about famous people. Who are the famous people everyone in your country remembers? Who do they hope to meet someday? Who would they recognize at a moment's notice?

Tell the story of 3 famous people from your country. Each story needs to be one to two paragraphs. If possible, include a copied picture of all 3 famous people.

Who are:

- the famous leaders?
- the sports heroes?
- the writers?
- the artists?
- the explorers?
- the scientist?
- the movie stars?
- musicians?
- or anyone famous you can find-for any reason-include!

Famouspeople.com...offers information about people from around the world.

[Biography website](#)...choose a time period-see what you can find.

[Nobel Prize Winners](#)...Scientists, authors, and many other famous people can be found here.

****Bonus Points: Find someone famous who has a career in the STEM field!****

Map

Welcome to the world of **Cartography**, or the making of maps. Cartographers, have been making maps for thousands of years. Many mapmakers accompanied famous explorers or were explorers themselves. Often mapmakers were proven wrong and their maps shown to be incorrect with later explorations. Early maps showed the world as flat! Imagine not knowing the world was round? Today, with country borders changing constantly maps are constantly being remade and updated.

You will be drawing a map. Enjoy your exploration and map making!!

Requirements:

- A border around your paper about one inch,
- Your country drawn with surrounding countries or bodies of water labeled-but your country should take up the majority of the paper,
- a capital and two other major cities,
- Landforms (major rivers, lakes, mountain ranges, etc),
- a compass rose, a legend, drawn/labeled neatly, and colored with colored pencils.

[World Atlas](#)...Great for geographic details!

[Geography](#)...find an outline of every country in the world!

Historical Timeline

Wars? Government Overthrows? Inventions? What are the significant events in the history of your country?

Knowing the history of a country, or at least a few significant events, can lead to a greater understanding of the people and what it is like to live in that country. Besides, it is kind of interesting, too!

Create a timeline of:

- At least 12 important events that took place,
- Illustrate with at least 4 colored pictures.
- BONUS Choose either...pictures with all 12 events OR find a total of 20 events.

[History Mole](#)....country timelines here!

[History Net](#)

Celebrations/Customs

C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-I-O-N! Let's all celebrate and have a good time!!!!

Customs and traditions are often cultural celebrations. Celebrations unite a country. Celebrations show what a country values.

1. Find 3 celebrations unique to your country. Describe each of them in a detailed paragraph. This paper should be at least three paragraphs in total.

[Journey Mart](#) Enter your country's name in the keyword search and get a list of holidays!

[Holiday Traditions](#) ... Visit here to find information about holiday traditions. Not all countries are listed, but check to see if yours is!

Recipes

Countries are often distinguished by the foods which are served. What yummy things are cooking in your country?

- Find 3 recipes of **traditional** dishes served in your country. If you cannot find the exact recipe, explain what the main ingredients are in 3 types of food served in your country. Explain any cultural significance of the dish.
- BONUS points for cooking one of the recipes for your family. Taste it, and write a paragraph on whether you liked the dish or not and why.

[International Recipes](#)... Recipes given here! Not all countries listed, but check here to see if yours is!

[More international recipes](#)

Weather/Climate

Would you enjoy living in your country? The weather (or climate) can make a place enjoyable or miserable. Don't you think?

For your country:

- Track the temperature in the capital city of your country for two weeks. Create a line graph to display your data. (Make sure you have labeled the x and y axis', used equal intervals, and that your chart is accurate.)
- List the average high and low temperatures for each season in your country.
- Create a chart of average rainfall for each month in your country. (Make sure you have labeled the x and y axis', used equal intervals, and that your chart is accurate.)
- Write a paragraph describing today/this week's weather in your country.
- Write a paragraph describing how your country's climate/weather affects the country's culture and economics.
- And, describe in a short paragraph why or why not you would want to live in your chosen country based on it's climate/weather.
- BONUS ...find 5 facts about the current weather conditions in the capital of your country. The weather conditions must be for this current week.

[Weather](#)... The Washington Post (a newspaper) has gathered information on weather. Click on the weather link next to the header—this will take you to the weather portion of the website. Then, in the search box type your country's name. This site will also give you current events and lead you to other sites to search for information besides the weather!

[Weather](#)... Look here for world weather.

[When To Visit](#) ...Find your country and click on "When to Go."

[City Climates](#)...***Super climate tables for lots of cities. Click on climate for your capital city.

[Climate](#)...Find your continent, then your country and click on "climate." Contains graphs.

Pick One of the Following*:

*Travel Brochure

Here you will create a pamphlet describing:

- #1...the important information about traveling to your country.
- #2...the tourist attractions.

The COVER:

- will need to include the country name and a picture and short description of one attraction.

The INSIDE:

- will need to list any information about your country that would sell your country to tourists. What locations are the most attractive? Feature them. You will be a salesperson here. Choose carefully. Other ideas, but not mandatory, might include the following:
 1. Exciting activities available.
 2. Historic and scenic locations.
 3. State the exchange rate of the American dollar. And tell how much \$100 would equal in your country.
- An outline map of your country with arrows to the attraction spots.
- For each attraction spot give a detailed paragraph.
- Include at least 3 actual pictures of the attraction spots. (copy the pictures)

BONUS: Design your travel guide on the computer.

*Postage Stamp

Besides being necessary for mailing letters and packages, stamps can tell a great deal about a country. What do the stamps from your country tell?

For many people stamp collecting is a hobby. Begin your own collection today by finding 5 stamps from your country.

- #1-Copy, print, or draw your stamps. (BONUS points for finding real stamps!)
- #2-Explain (one paragraph) why you think the picture on each stamp was chosen--how is that person/place/thing representative of your country?
- #3 Design your own stamp for your country. Draw it big enough to cover a page of paper. Include a paragraph describing your picture and why it represents your country.

Visit these local stamp shops to find the real thing:

- Highland Stamp Shop, 4835 S. Highland Dr. #1346 (in Cottonwood Mall) 463-6464
- Stamps of the World, 10046 S. Mcnaughton Cir, South Jordan, 280-1599
- Beehive Collectors Gallery, 386 E. Broadway, Salt Lake City, 533-0119

[Stamp Finder](#) Click on the stamp icon to search by country.

[Ebay](#)...Most people visit ebay to shop, but you can look here for stamps from your country.

[shop.usps.com](#)...The United Postal Service has this page for collectors! Just for fun!

*Buildings/Dance/Art

Many of the art forms bring beauty to our lives. Which of the arts, (sculpture, painting, music, literature, or architecture) do your countries enjoy?

Write a short paragraph and find an example of each of the following (copy picture from a resource book or from the Internet and include next to the descriptive paragraph):

- Art...Find a famous artist from your country. Include a picture of one of their art works.
- Architecture...Find a famous building or structure. Why is it famous? Who built it? Why was it built? Include a picture.
- Music...What type of music originated in your country? What special instruments are used?
- Dance...What dances are native your country? What significance do they have to the culture?

Reflection Paper

Write one paragraph responding for each of the following questions (4 paragraphs total):

- 1) What were the most interesting things you learned about your country?
- 2) Which project did you enjoy the most and why?
- 3) Which project did you have the hardest time with and why?
- 4) If you knew a friend going to visit your country, what would you recommend for them to do?

Presentation Expectations - Checklist

- Acquire a tri-fold board for your presentation. (Boards are available at the office for \$5 or local stores.)

Your board needs the following:

- A title with the name of your country
- Famous people
- Map
- Historical Timeline
- Celebrations/Customs
- Recipe
- Pick one (Weather, postage stamp, travel brochure, or art)
- Bibliography

In addition:

- Chrome book: Playing vital statistics
- QR code that pulls up your Adobe Spark language video

OPTIONAL

- Food from your country
- Clothing and/or artifacts from the country
- Website for your Country Project

Schedule of Country Report Sections

Due Date	Sections	Point Value
March 29	Determine country, receive guidelines	
March 30	Letter to embassy written and mailed	/10
April 13	Vital Statistics	/10
April 18	Language ~ Adobe Spark	/10
April 20	Famous People	/10
April 25	Map	/10
April 27	Historical Timeline	/10
May 2	Celebrations/Customs	/10
May 4	Recipes (try to choose one you can make for the fair)	/10
May 9	Weather	/10
May 11	Pick One (Brochure, Postage Stamp, Buildings/Dance/Art)	/10
May 16	Reflection Paper & Bibliography	/10
May 18	Country Fair (Parents are invited to attend)	/30
Total		/140