

6th Grade Country Research Paper



All 6th grade students will be creating a research paper on a country. Every student in the class will choose a different country. **This research paper will be explained, organized, and worked on in class;** however, some parts may need to be done at home.

Students will first research their country using information gathered from books, magazines, encyclopedias, and the Internet. They will research the culture of that country. They will include a title page, introduction, country information, interesting facts and a works cited page. The final paper needs to be in MLA format (Times New Roman 12 font, double spaced). Please see the attached information for more specific requirements.

This is a long-term project and there will be various due dates to complete each of the stages of the project. However, the final report will be due on:



This packet is very important. Do not lose this information!

Dear Parents,

Please let us know that you have read this assignment. Thank You!
I understand that my child is researching the country of _____.



Student's Name

Parent Signature

Steps for Completing Research

1. Collect resources and read about your country (you must have at least 2 different resources and at least one must be a book.)

- Use library books, encyclopedias, magazines, databases and websites to search for information.
- Be sure to cite your references on the works cited page and on notecards.

2. Take Notes

- Use a separate note card paper for each source used (supplied in class).
- Write notes (words and phrases), not complete sentences.
- **Be sure not to plagiarize** (copy other people's words and use them as your own). You must rewrite information into your own words. If you do plagiarize, you will receive a zero or complete the entire project again on another country.
- Choose 3 subtopics (multiple paragraphs will be written on each).
- Notes will be written on notecard pages.

- Climate
- Physical features
- Human features
- Industry
- Government
- History
- Government holidays
- Religious holidays
- Religion
- Customs
- Education

- Use notes to fill in an outline of your research paper

3. Write/Type first draft

- Write a **one paragraph introduction** to your country...make it interesting!
- Take the research on your outline and write the information in **complete sentences to form the body of your paper. Each subtopic may be multiple paragraphs long.**
- Write a **one paragraph conclusion** for your country.

4. Bibliography

- Go to www.easybib.com
- Click on MLA
- Select the type of resource you used.
- Fill in the information from your “Works Cited” page
- Cut and paste onto works cited page.
- Resources should be in alphabetical order.
- Bibliography may also be handwritten.

5. Edit/Revise

- Double check to see if you have completed all the requirements
- Look over to correct all spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors.
- Check rubric.

6. Oral Presentation

- Prepare a 2-minute presentation on your country based on your paper. The teacher will provide more information on this at a later date.

Information to include in your paper!

Research all the following information for your country and put facts (in notes form) on your note cards. Choose the most interesting facts in each category to include in your paper. Each subtopic will be a paragraph.

Climate

- name and description of climate region
- typical weather
- average temperatures and rainfall

Physical Features

- landforms
- bodies of water

Human Features

- cities and towns
- landmarks

Industry

- products
- natural resources
- trade
- currency

Government

- type of government
- how the government works
- capital city
- historical documents
- laws

History

- when/how it was established/gained independence
- important wars

Government Holidays

- traditions
- foods

Religious Holidays

- traditions
- foods

Customs

- marriage
- funerals
- birthdays
- traditional clothing
- foods
- arts and crafts
- languages

Education

Religion

Sites recommended...

<http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/>

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

<http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

<http://mapfight.appspot.com/>

Paper will be 32 performance points...rubric attached.