**1st Semester – Research Paper**

For this paper you will be required to choose a country to do research on. The research you do will be summative for all of the information that we have covered, and will cover this semester. Therefore, you will be asked to look up information from each of our units, and tie that to your country of choice.

**Basic Requirements:**

1. Cover Page
   1. (3) images of your country that relate to your paper
2. 6 Paragraphs
   1. Opening Paragraph
   2. One paragraph for each unit of study (4 total)
   3. Closing Paragraph
3. Bibliography
   1. You must cite all sources that you used for information

Each student will be asked to meet those basic requirements stated above. If you turn in a paper that is missing any parts it will negatively affect your grade. Below are the details for each section/paragraph of this paper. You are not limited to these and may provide any information relevant to that section of your paper. All paragraphs should be minimum of (5) sentences long.

***Cover Page***

1. Name and Geography Period
2. (3) Images of your country that relate to your paper
   1. These images can be hand drawn or taken from somewhere else
   2. One should be an image of the flag.

***First Paragraph- Introduction***

1. Thesis statement
2. General information regarding your country
   1. Relative location
      1. Borders (physical and political)
   2. When AND how did it become a country?
   3. Is it known for anything?
   4. How big is your country? Is it a similar size to any U.S. state?

***Second Paragraph – Unit One – Map Skills/Geographic Concepts***

1. Absolute Location
   1. What is the absolute location of the capitol city?
2. Place
   1. Is there a famous place in your country?
   2. Is there a place that is very important to the people who live there?
   3. Do people from other places go there specifically for something?
3. Region
   1. Explain which region of the world the country is in.
4. Movement
   1. Are people/goods/ideas moving into the country? Why?
   2. Are people/goods/ideas moving out of the country? Why?
5. Human-Environment Interaction
   1. How do humans interact with their environment?

***Third Paragraph – Unit Two – Environment and Resources***

1. Describe the climate.
2. What resources do they have?
   1. Natural and man-made.
3. How do they produce their energy?
   1. Renewable and non-renewable resources.
4. What are some of the major industries/jobs that can be found there?
5. Pollution
   1. What type?
   2. How bad is it? Getting worse? Better?
   3. Are they doing anything about it?

***Fourth Paragraph – Unit Three – Population, Development, and Migration***

1. What is the total population of the country?
2. Is this population growing? Why or why not?
3. Are people moving to your country? If yes, from where and why?
4. Are people moving out of your country? If yes, to where and why?
5. Can you calculate the doubling time?
6. Which stage of development is your country at? Explain
   1. Use the (5) indicators of development to explain this. (these are in your notes)
7. How many of your people are involved in agriculture? Services?

***Fifth Paragraph – Unit Four – Culture***

1. Explain some of these artifacts and what they look like in your country.
   1. Food, clothing, tools, weapons, housing, personal possessions, transportation.
2. What customs do people have in your country?
3. Discuss the type(s) of religion.
   1. Are there other belief systems or attitudes present?
4. Are there traditions that people recognize?
5. Is anything taboo?
6. How valuable is the US Dollar compared to the money there?
7. Does your country exist within a larger cultural region?
   1. Are there other groups of people living near/around them that hold these same beliefs?

***Sixth Paragraph - Conclusion***

1. The first sentence should make it clear that you are concluding your paper.
2. You must restate your thesis in this paragraph!
3. Summarize the big points that you made in each paragraph.
   1. Don’t include statistics and small details.
4. Your final sentence should bring closure to the research paper.

***Bibliography (AKA Works Cited)***

You will need to cite **all** of your sources for this paper. Later you will get more directions on how to do this. For now, keep a record of all websites, books, articles, etc. that you use. This record should have the **a) source (title of book, or link to website b) author c) date**. Make sure you are able to find any source you use again, or you will create much more work for yourself in the future. We will at some point be using NoodleTools to cite our work. To get there, go to [my.cherrycreekschools.org](https://my.cherrycreekschools.org/) , and find NoodleTools by clicking on My Library, or searching for it.

***Thesis Statement:***

Remember, we are coming up with a working thesis statement on whether or not you would recommend your country as a place **to live, visit, or neither**. If your country seems like an incredible place that you would spend the rest of your live, your thesis will be persuading someone to move there. If it is nice, but you wouldn’t want to live there, you will persuade someone to travel there for the good things that the country has to offer. If you would not recommend even going to your country, persuade the reader to stay away! We are writing working thesis’ because you might find information as you research that changes the way you feel about the country.