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Build Your Own Country Project

Part 1-

For project #1: You will be building or creating your own country! This project will assess your research skills, critical thinking and problem solving, and give you an opportunity to do what we all would like to do: RULE YOUR OWN COUNTRY!

These instructions contain all of the information you need to complete this specific project, make sure not to lose it, it is incredibly valuable!

**A FEW RULES ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY: YOU MUST FOLLOW FOR FULL CREDIT:**

1. Your country must be located somewhere on the surface of the Earth. You **can’t** colonize the moon, sun, etc. or form your own planet. You **can** create an island, or you can place your country between real countries, the choice is yours.

2. Based on the location of your country your climate and plants must be realistic. You cannot have a tropical forest in a desert. IT. MUST. BE. LOGICAL.

3. You must have detailed responses to the list of questions provided. Questions must be answered in full sentence format. Writing must be legible, or it will be asked to be redone.

4. *You must complete all tasks assigned*. Or you will receive no credit.

5. Everything turned in must be neat, clean, and formatted appropriately or it will not be accepted.

**Task I: The Country**

Build a country of your own. Use your imagination. The sky is the limit, so have fun. Want your country to be underground? Go for it! Want your people to speak only in grunts? Fine! Just remember that it must be **logical**, and you must answer the questions provided in detail about your country. Task one asks you to complete questions in detail about your country.

**Task II: The Map**

Create a map of your country. Your map must be on an 8 x 11.5 piece of WHITE computer paper - lined paper or crinkled up papers will not be accepted. I suggest using pencil for the map portion of the assignment. Be sure to include the following on your map to receive full credit, (*while these pieces are mandatory feel free to add other map features as you, please* ):

A key representing – mountains, bodies of water, desert, rainforest, etc.

A compass rose showing the four cardinal directions, compass should be in either upper left hand corner or lower right hand corner.

Your nation’s capital city

At least 5 other cities

Any mountains, rivers, lakes, oceans, rainforest, desert, etc. – bodies of water, deserts, forests, etc. should have names! Ex: Lake Erie, Amazon River, Gobi Desert, etc.

**Task III: The Flag**

Create flag on an 8 x 11.5 piece of WHITE computer paper. Lined paper or crinkle up papers will not be accepted. Be sure to be creative. The flag should be about the size of the page.

**Task IV: Choice Topics**

You to answer the following complete the fourth task.

Option: “Important Jobs” – In a one-page written report, identify four different jobs or occupations that are typical or unique to your country. Each job or occupation should consist of one paragraph (4-6 sentences). Answer all the question to build your paragraphs: Explain what the job is in detail? who normally performs the job? why the job is important? and how the job contributes or helps your countries society or economy?

This is a fun way to show me what your country is all about. These jobs can be silly or serious.

**Task V: Type of Government:**

Subset 1: You will need to choose what type of system of government your country will have from the following:

A) Democracy- Direct or Representative

Democracy is a form of government that allows the people to choose leadership

B) Monarchy

Is a power system that appoints a personas head of state for life or until abdication. Usually gets passed down through a succession line related to one’s own bloodline and birth order.

C)Communism

Is a centralized form of government led by single party that is often authoritarian in its rule.

D)Socialism

Is a system that encourages cooperation rather than competition among citizens.

Subset 2: Will your country be ruled by:

Rule of Law or Rule of Man

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**Task I: The Country**

Questionnaire Page

**Directions:** Complete all questions **in detail** about your country. The questions MUST be answered in correct full sentence format, beginning capitalization, and ending punctuation are a must. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. It may take multiple sentences to answer each question, they need to be detailed. The questions must be answered on the lined paper provided to you!

Hint: THIS IS THE QUESTI

ON PAGE. Use the lined paper that follow the questions to answer them. Make sure you, number your questions. If you run out of space, you may ask for additional paper.

1. What is the name of your country?

2. Where is your country located? Be specific

3. Describe the physical geography of your country: Does it have mountains? Is it an island? Is it landlocked?, Does it have multiple regions? Etc.

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 and hot?, Is it wet and humid?, Is it a tropical region?, Is it a desert?, Does it have rain forests?. Remember to take your countries physical geography (aka where it’s located on the planet) into account when discussing its climate.

5. 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 countries population growing? Why or why not? Do people in your country migrate a lot or do they stay put?

6. Describe your countries cultural traits: What kind of work do they do? What are their beliefs? Do they have any interesting ways of doing things? What kinds of food do they eat?, What is the language of your country?, Do they have multiple languages?, Are there any challenges to your country’s culture or cultures?

7. Describe the religion of your country’s people: Are they Christians? Are they Buddhists? Are they polytheistic (believing in man gods), Do they worship trees? You may be very creative with this question.

8. What kind of political system does your country have? Is your country governed by one big central government or is it run by many smaller governments at local levels?

9. What rules will be used your country? Rule of Law or Rule of Man. Explain why?