Research Project - Country Selection

**The big picture:** In the fourth quarter, you will be doing a **country report.** You will do extensive research on your country, and you will focus on a problem facing your country or its people. You will decide possible solutions for the problem, organize your evidence and information, and write your report.

**Step 1: Identifying your top choices of countries** Think about your interests and then do some research on countries that interest you. You will have two class periods and three evenings of homework time to investigate which countries you might want to select for your research project. In looking into your country options, use one or more of the following resources: national and international newspapers including the English-language paper in the country (if applicable); Newsela.com; countryreports.org; Encyclopedia Britannica; World Atlas (online); National Geographic; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK.

**Country Options:** Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niger, North Korea, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, The Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Tibet, Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Vietnam, Wales, Yemen

Once you’ve determined your top three choices, you will do some initial research on your preferred countries. You will take note of each source and the information you gathered from that source. Then, you will write why you want to study that country in greater depth. Students will be assigned a country based on their desire and, if there are two or more students who want the same country, on the content of their paragraphs. Therefore, your paragraph is crucial in helping you secure your topic choice. Only one student will be assigned to each of the below listed countries.

**First Choice for Country**: Italy

**Two sources consulted and interesting information gathered:**

1. SOURCE 1: What do people eat in Italy <https://www.countryreports.org/country/Italy/recipes.htm>
   1. Interesting information from this source 1- For breakfast in Italy it is very light and they have a coffee and a roll.
   2. Interesting information from this source 2 - In Italy Italians do not hurry to finish a meal they can take hours to finish their meal.
2. SOURCE 2: What is school like in Italy? <https://www.countryreports.org/country/Italy/population.htm>
   1. Interesting information from this source 1- Literacy is 98% for females and literacy is 98.8% for males.
   2. Interesting information from this source 2- School Life Expectancy for males is 16 years and for females it is 17 years.

Paragraph: Why are you most interested in studying this country, and what issue are they facing that you are interested in learning more about? (Write 6-8 sentences) Many things have happened in Italy and I want to learn more about it. I went to Italy in 2018 and learned about many different things. I went to museums and saw beautiful pieces of art and a sculpture of Michelangelo. I also went to the Colosseum and found that it is the biggest fighting dome arena and has changed alot since ancient times. But most importantly I want to figure out they make the most amazing gelato ever. It is because when I went to Florence in Italy the gelato was so good we went there three times on our trip.

**Second Choice for Country**: Russia

**Two sources consulted and interesting information gathered:**

1. SOURCE 1: What Russia Grows, Makes, and Mines **Russia Enchantment of the World**
   1. Interesting information from this source 1- Russia agriculture is 3 main food items: wheat, milk, and potatoes.
   2. Interesting information from this source 2 - Russia mines diamonds at 21,925,000 karats.
2. SOURCE 2: Russia Sports **Russia Enchantment of the World**
   1. Interesting information from this source 1- The government spent millions of dollars for sports and training programs to make amazing athletes.
   2. Interesting information from this source 2- Thanks to the government doing this they won 14 of 18 Olympic Games that they competed in.

Paragraph: Why are you most interested in studying this country, and what issue are they facing that you are interested in learning more about? (Write 6-8 sentences) Russia is a large country that has many different activities that people don’t know all the history about. I want to learn about that history today. It is the largest country in the world and a very long time ago many wars broke out. One of these wars was 1440 to 1505 Russian princes vs Mongols. In the end, Ivan was the first ruler to be called a czar. Another one of the wars was Russia vs Swedes from 1672 to 1725. If I do get this country I will be explaining more about its history, nature, and more.

**Third Choice for Country**: Poland

Source 1: The Ancient Forest Poland Enchantment of the World

Interesting information from this source 1- The primeval Bialowieza Forest has the tallest trees in Europe

Interesting information from this source 2- The polish government protected the oldest section of the forest.

Source 2: A National Tragedy Poland Enchantment of the World

Interesting information from this source 1- On April 10, 2010 96 people were killed and they were some of the most important people in Poland.

Interesting information from this source 2- Thanks to this event Russia launched an investigation and Poland and Russia have had a long tense History.

Paragraph: Why are you most interested in studying this country, and what issue are they facing that you are interested in learning more about? (Write 6-8 sentences) I want to learn about Poland because I want to know more about some dramatic events that happened in Poland. One of those events as A National Tragedy which killed the President and the former President and 94 more people. Donald Tusk became a prime minister in 2007 and a leader of the Civic Platform Party. Poland has grown stronger and stronger, but it has a strong economy. Russia and Poland have been tense because of something that Russia has done. I want to figure out more events, tragedies, and more political things.

**Fourth Choice for Country Taiwan**