

# In-Depth Country Study

For this project, you will be assigned either an African or an Asian country to research on your own. Your **final project is due on Monday, December 7**. You will give an **oral presentation on your country that takes a total of 8-10 minutes**. Most of this project will be completed outside of class, although you will be able to work on it during reading/geography time on Wednesdays. **This project is worth 150 points toward your geography grade.**

The first step in your project will be to write at least one letter requesting information in the form of pamphlets, newspapers, brochures, travel information, etc. One letter should be sent to the American embassy in your country. It is up to you to research at least two more places in your country to send letters to. **All three letters are due on Friday, October 9**. These formal letters must be typed and turned in with a typed envelope, addressed and postmarked correctly. I will mail the letters for you after I receive them. **A rough draft of this letter is due on Monday, October 5. Your letters will be worth 50 points toward your English grade.** To check postage rates, I recommend visiting <http://postcalc.usps.gov/>.

## **Requirements for the final project include** (but are not limited to) **discovering your country's:**

- gross domestic product, largest natural resource, and largest industry
- icons (i.e. flag, bird, flower, song, dance)
- language(s)
- form of currency
- form of government as well as its current leaders
- basic history, including its founding date, major wars, national holidays, major economic or social crises, leadership/government changes, and major religious movements
- important or noteworthy physical features, both land and water
- distance from Boise in miles
- time zone (GMT)
- ethnic and religious percentages
- capital city, overall population and a list of the country's major population centers (and their respective population numbers)
- current events
- total area
- traditions

## **You will turn in:**

- a bulleted list of your talking points
- a PowerPoint to use in your presentation
- a map of your country that shows major physical features and towns *as well as* a map of where your country is found on the world map (may be a part of your visual aid)
- a food item to share with the class that you prepared from a recipe from that country