

Regional Studies Portfolio Assignment

Overview

You are going to compare and contrast the physical and human geographical aspects of two countries from two different continents by creating a chart.

Each area being compared should contain pictures and descriptive statements that visually identify the physical or human geographical aspects associated with that country.

Part A: Create a presentation that compares and contrasts two countries from two different continents.

Part B: Write two paragraphs that require you to

- 1) compare and contrast the physical and human aspects of both countries and
- 2) explain how geography impacts culture.

Your presentation should be organized as indicated below.

	Country A	Country B
Physical Geography: Major Resources	2 points	2 points
Physical Geography: Physical Landforms	2 points	2 points
Human Geography: Cultural Traditions	2 points	2 points
Human Geography: Economic Systems	2 points	2 points
Human Geography: <i>Value Systems Examples include material comfort, wealth, competition, individualism, collectivism, family, education, and religion.</i>	2 points	2 points

Scoring Breakdown

Each box inside the chart is worth two points. Each box should contain a picture that is accompanied with text in order to illustrate a particular aspect of the country accurately. The text should include complete sentences that describe the significance of the picture in detail.

1 point	<i>photograph</i>	<i>(clear and accurate)</i>
1 point	<i>text</i>	<i>(brief description)</i>
Part A: 2 points x 10 boxes	20 points total	(image portion of the project)
Part B: 5 points x 2 paragraphs	10 points total	(paragraph portion of the project)
Entire project =	30 points	

Here is how to format each slide.

Italy

Human Geography

Cultural Traditions

Description

Information Sources

Placement of Photo

Roman Catholicism is the predominant form of Christianity practiced by most Europeans. The church is headed by the pope....

Photos taken from

Citation Expectations

All photographs and outside information must be cited. Citations should be indicated in each of the boxes on your chart.

Note: Regarding Plagiarism

Not citing any text and images that you gathered from websites or other sources that you incorporated into the construction of your multimedia presentation constitutes plagiarism.

Paragraph Expectations

Each paragraph should:

- consist of 150-200 words
- be checked thoroughly for spelling, grammar and sentence structure mistakes
- include three specific examples

Materials Needed

Resources Available in the course:

- APA Style: Citing Sources and Formatting
- Use web links in backpack

Countries to Choose From

Please select two countries from two different continents. If you want to use another country that is not on this list, contact your teacher for approval.

North America	South America	Africa	Asia	Europe	South Pacific
Cuba Mexico	Venezuela Chile	Nigeria Ethiopia	China India	Greece Norway	New Zealand Australia