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| **Country Research Project** |

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| **THE TASK** |
| Your job is to research a country from Central America, South America, and the Caribbean! (1 country from each area!)You will be exploring many different aspects of your country, including, the HISTORY, the GEOGRAPHY, the CULTURE, the ECONOMY, the CLIMATE, and other INTERESTING FACTS.After researching your country you will create a presentation which should include a trifold board.  |

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| **THE PROCESS** |
| 1.  Choose a country. |
| 2.  Begin your research. |
| 3.  Use the RESEARCH CHECKLIST (at the bottom of the page) to guide you in your project. |
| 4.  After completing your research you will create a power point presentation that will give the information. These will be published on my website and everyone will get to go through them after you have presented them.The information on the power point should be:* Sections labeling the country you are discussing (3 sections in all)
* Creative
* Informative
* Colorful
* Clear and thorough.
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| 5.  You also need to include a picture of your country flags. |
| 6.  You need a picture of one major landform in your country. |
| 7.  You need a third picture, of your choice, that is related to your country. |
| 8.  You need to include a map of each country. |

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| Scoring Rubric |

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| Your project will be graded on the following criteria: |
| RESEARCH REQUIREMENTSIntroduction - 10 pts.History - 10 pts.Geography - 10 pts.Culture - 10 pts.Economy - 10 pts.Climate - 10 pts.Interesting Facts - 10 pts.Conclusion - 10 pts. |
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| PICTURES AND MAPFlag - 5 pts.Major Landform - 5 pts.Picture of Choice - 5 pts.Map - 5 pts. |
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| TOTAL POSSIBLE - 100 pts. |

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**RESEARCH CHECKLIST**

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| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTSFeel free to include other information if necessary. |
| **Your project should have an INTRODUCTION section which includes:**The name of the countryThe capital of the countryThe major language(s) spokenThe location (what continent it's on) |
| **Your project should have at least one section discussing the HISTORY of your country which includes:**The Date the country came into existence.Famous people/rulers/kings/presidents/etc. from the country's history.Major events in the country's history.How the country became a country. |
| **Your project should have at least one section discussing the GEOGRAPHY of your country.  It should include:**Major landforms.Major landmarks.Major bodies of water.Major cities. |
| **Your paper should have at least one paragraph discussing the CULTURE of your country.  It should include:**Clothing                     MusicHolidays                     ReligionsFood                           Government |
| **Your project should have at least one section discussing the ECONOMY of your country.  It should include:**Natural ResourcesManufacturing areasLand use (ie. farming areas)Major occupations (jobs)The currency (type of money) |
| Your project should have at least one section discussing the CLIMATE of your country.  It should include:General weather conditionsAverage yearly rainfallAverage yearly temperatureWhat effects the climate has on the country |
| **Your project should have at least one section discussing any INTERESTING FACTS about your country.  It could include:**Population                                   Modes of transportationStory behind the flag               Strange lawsTravel tips                                   Native animals |
| **Your project should have a CONCLUSION paragraph which includes:**A nice wrap-up of your research. |
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| You should use an encyclopedia, the internet, books, etc. for your research. |