**Mr. Weise**

**World Geography**

**Overview:** You will create a two-part project on a country of your choice, other than the United States. This will be worth TWO test grades and will be a major part of your overall average in Geography for this trimester. You will have approximately a month and a half to complete the project. We will display each student’s project in the Cafeteria one evening after school in the “World’s Fair.” Here is an outline of your project:

**PART 1:** You will write a 2-3 page research paper on a country of your choice, other than the United States. The paper is to be typed, double spaced, and in 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font style. Your paper should include *but is not limited to*:

 a. a brief history

 b. the current type of government including the name of the leader

 c. the capital (with details)

 d. the approximate population and major ethnic groups

 e. the culture: religion, music, food, clothing, language, currency, folk tales, etc

 f. other major cities

 g. any world famous people from that country- presidents, authors, athletes, actors, artists, etc

You are more than welcome to include other information about your country. You need a title page and bibliography (not part of the page count). Your paper must be bound in a clear cover.

**PART 2:** This is the display part of your project. You will make a project board and a simple video (using Stupeflix, Animoto, or a movie maker of your choice) that can be shown on your iPad.

Project Board: You will need to purchase one fold out display board for your project. (These can be purchased at Office Depot, Office Max, Michael’s, etc for just a few dollars). On the center of the board you will have a drawing (not a photo or print out!) of your country, along with the name of the country above it. Below the drawing of the country you need to include letters (b) and (d) from PART 1. On the drawing itself you should mark and label the capital (with a star and its name), as well as any other major cities. On the left and right sections of the display board you will have pictures and labels of the religion, music, food, clothing, folk tales, and other aspects of culture.

Video: You will use the pictures from your project board and any other photographs that have special meaning to your country. You must have a title image and a map (does not need to be a drawing) in your video. Make sure that you either have words in your video OR can verbally explain any of the images. As you collect photos for your project board, save them for use in the video. I will hold a tutorial on how to make a video before school one morning in mid-January.

 **BONUS:** For an extra 6 points added to your final score, you can bring a food and/or dress up in traditional clothing from your country to the World’s Fair (3 points each). This food must be in a quantity large enough so that most World’s Fair attendees (student OR parent) will have an opportunity to sample. For example: If I were doing a project on Germany, I might bring bratwurst. I would make sure that I brought at least 75 pieces (probably 8-10 bratwursts sliced) to give an adequate number of samples.

DUE DATES: Rough Draft- January 28

 Final Draft and Board- February 18