AFRICAN COUNTRY - GROUP PROJECT

In this project you will research an African country. Your group will be responsible for both a short written report and a presentation. One purpose of this exercise is to develop and test your research skills. You will also acquire in-depth knowledge and become an expert in a specific area of Africa. As an extra bonus you will have a chance to get creative and show me what you can do.

Your report will have several parts as well as an individual essay from each group member. The group will be responsible as a whole for the group part of the project. Your group will pick a country or region from the list provided.

Part I: Travelogue or Narrative Picture

Describe your country including information about geography, way of life, economy, culture, etc. You should use research material to write a description of the country, its people, appearance, and lifestyle. All sources must be listed in the bibliography. It must be in your own words and should avoid dry facts, numbers and lists.

Tell me what you might see on a visit to your country. Give details, images and descriptions, and gather lots of information.

- What is the geography?
- What are the peoples’ lifestyle, culture, customs, etc?
- What types of animals and plants are there?

Imagine what you would see, smell, hear, taste, and experience. Describe what it would be like to visit the country and walk through its cities, villages, markets, and countryside.

Part II: Timeline

Make an graphic timeline showing the history of the African country you have chosen. Include at least 10 major events or items on the timeline.

Part III: Cultural Presentation

The third part of this assignment is a presentation that will show me something about your country in a creative way. It could be a picture, play, skit, diorama, food, clothing, music, or a combination of elements. You will be graded on the quality of your presentation, the amount of work evidenced and the creativity shown and most importantly, the quality and amount of information conveyed.

Part IV: Individual Essay

Each member of the group will write a 5 paragraph essay about some aspect of the country’s history. You will each pick one of the following topics:
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- **Ancient History:** What were the accomplishments of the ancient civilization or people of your country? How is your country linked to pre-colonial history?
- **Colonial History:** What, if any, European nation came to dominate your country? How was your country affected by colonialism?
- **Modern History:** What problems does your country face and how is it dealing with them?

**Part V: Bibliography**

In addition, you will receive points for turning in copies and notes of your research materials. You must include bibliography information about all the books and websites you used to find your information.

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<td>What ancient tribes or civilizations were located in that country?</td>
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What key events happened in that country’s history?
(Ancient colonial conquest, independence . . .)