**GLOBAL AWARENESS PROJECT**

**(FOCUS ON MAJOR PACIFIC RIM NATIONS)**

Your group will choose a Pacific Rim country for which you will be creating a sociological portrait using your text, Sociology- A Brief Introduction, as a guide. Together you will gather information about this country’s culture and social structure which you will synthesize into written reports. Each member of the group will be writing their on 4-5 page sociological report on your country. You will also be organizing and preparing a group presentation to the class.

**THEME**

**Your report should examine a contemporary social issue which impacts this country.**

You could look at something which is bringing about social change. Examples could include economic and/or cultural globalization, conflict with another country, human rights issues, population migration ( from the countryside to cities, from other countries to this country, or emigration from this country), or an anti Western movement ( such as some form of Islamic fundamentalism). Examples of social issues will be discussed in class.

This social issue will be the unifying theme or thesis of the report. The project will analyze the effects of this contemporary issue on the society. Your report will combine description of the society with an analysis of the impact of the social issue on that society which synthesizes information, makes connections and develops your theme.

Each member of the group will research and write about relationships between the group’s theme and ONE social area, chosen from the list below. Each student chooses different social area.

**SOCIAL AREAS (ASPECTS OF SOCIETY AND CULTURE)**

**SOCIAL AREAS (ASPECTS OF SOCIETY, CULTURE AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE) BASED ON TEXT CHAPTERS. YOU WILL BE EXPLORING HOW THESE AREAS ARE IMPACTED BY YOUR THEME. ONLY ONE AREA PER GROUP MEMBER SHOULD BE COVERED**.

Each group member will be responsible for researching **ONE** area, and exploring the impact of your theme on this aspect of society. **IT WILL BE BEST TO DECIDE ON THE THEME BEFORE ALLOCATING SOCIAL AREAS.**

**Some historical background is relevant but FOCUS ON CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.**

**EACH STUDENT CHOOSES ONE SOCIAL AREA TO WORK ON. AREAS:**

**Culture. The Mass Media. Deviance. Social stratification. Racial and ethnic stratification. Gender stratification. Family and intimate relationships. Religion. Education. Government.** E**conomy. Health. Environmental degradation and pollution**

**Requirements for the report (each member writes a report).**

**4-5 pages of typed, double-spaced, 12 point text - graphs, illustrations and so on not included. Use subheadings and paragraphs to organize your report. DO NOT USE A RING BINDER OR FOLDER - STAPLE YOUR REPORT TOGETHER.**

**The final report should include:**

**1. half page brief geographical and historical background information about the country; 5 pts.**

**2. half page explaining the social issue which is the theme of your project; 5 pts.**

**1 and 2 can be completed by the group, or individually.**

**3. 2-3 page sociological analysis focused on your social area. You will be writing about how your social area is impacted by the theme chosen by the group. Elaborate and illustrate the theme showing the interconnections between the theme and your social area; 25 pts.**

**4. One page conclusion summarizing how the social issue impacts society. Include information about ALL the social areas studied by your group; 8 pts.**

**3 and 4 will be written individually by each group member. This is the solo part of the project.**

**5. Sources of information should be referenced in a bibliography using APA style. In addition to the text, the report should include a minimum of 10 references, half of which should be peer reviewed academic texts or articles, rather than newspapers, magazines, blogs or websites. List references at the end of the report using APA style. 2 pts.**

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS; READ CAREFULLY:**

Give some thought to the title; the title of the report should reflect the theme - do not just use the name of the country. Remember to include report title and your first and last name on the first page of the report.

**Use the following subtitles: Background; Theme; Social Area; Conclusion. 5 points are deducted if you do not use these subtitles.**

**PAPERS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL.**

**POINTS: PAPER, 45, PRESENTATION, 30, GROUP PLANNING MEETINGS, 20, CLASS EXCERCISE, 5. TOTAL 100 POINTS.**

**Requirements for the presentation**

During the last week of the semester each group will make a **verbal** presentation to the class explaining the theme and issues developed in the paper. The precise time and agenda for presentations will be finalized closer to the end of term. **The presentation may NOT include video or powerpoint**. The group needs to put thought into the planning of the presentation, in order to involve all group members. Please do not read out the report – for example have 3 by 5 cards with notes to speak from, and organize your presentation so that it is lively and interesting. The emphasis is on a **verbal** presentation demonstrating knowledge of the theme and its interrelationship with social areas. Please do not include or hand out food items in your presentation.

Each member of the group will hand in their report after making the presentation.

**MAJOR PACIFIC RIM NATIONS**

**CANADA**

**MEXICO**

**PANAMA**

**NICARAGUA**

**GUATEMALA**

**COLOMBIA**

**ECUADOR**

**PERU**

**CHILE**

**NEW ZEALAND**

**AUSTRALIA**

**INDONESIA**

**PHILIPPINES**

**VIETNAM**

**THAILAND**

**CAMBODIA**

**MALAYSIA**

**SINGAPORE**

**CHINA**

**NORTH KOREA**

**SOUTH KOREA**

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