

Countries of the world Research Paper and Project



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6th Grade ELA

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What Will I Learn?

In this unit you will learn:

- About Countries around the world
- How to take notes from books, website, and articles.
- What is a credible source and what is not.
- How to write an outline
- How to draft, edit, and revise a research paper.



What Else Will I Learn?



In this unit, You will learn:

- *Critical thinking*
- *Collaboration*
- *Creativity*
- *Communication Skills*
- *Content knowledge*

A panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, featuring the Christ the Redeemer statue in the foreground on the left, overlooking the city and the bay. The background shows the bay, several islands, and the iconic Sugarloaf Mountain (Pão de Açúcar) on the right. The sky is hazy and blue.

**This Project
is Two Parts**

Essay & Presentation

#	Essay Assignment	Assigned	Due Date
1.	Choose a Country	1/9/2023	1/10/2023
2.	Complete Information Gathering Sheets	1/10/2023	1/13/2023
3.	Fill Out 3 Source Cards	1/10/2023	1/13/2023
4.	Essay Outline & Works Cited	1/13/2023	1/17/2023
5.	Essay	1/17/2023	1/20/2023
6.	Final Project	1/23/2023	1/27/2023
7.	Present Project	1/30/20023	2/3/20023

PART I: Essays

This will be guided



Pick Your Country



Possible Countries & Research Templates



Research: Brainstorming

IRAQ					
JUST THE FACTS Leader: _____ Language: _____ Size (in square miles): _____ Population: _____ Currency: _____ Climate: _____ Important Products: _____	WORLD MAP Show where Iraq is located on the world map. 				
FLAG  Symbolism & meaning of the flag: _____	MY MAP OF IRAQ				
TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS Here are 4 key events in the history of Iraq. <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>					

VIP (VERY IMPORTANT PERSON) A very important person from Iraq is: Famous for: _____	HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS _____ _____ _____			
POPULAR SPORT _____ _____ _____	POPULAR FOOD _____ _____ _____			
ANIMALS FOUND _____ _____ _____	TRADITIONAL CLOTHES _____ _____ _____			
PLACES TO VISIT Here are 3 famous places to visit in Iraq. <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				

SOURCE NOTES

Website Example

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica

URL: <https://www.britannica.com/place/Iraq>

Topic: History

Notes: (continued on back)

- Babylon, Assyria,
- Used to be called Mesopotamia
- Wealthy Region
- “Land Between the Rivers”

RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE

When you are drafting a research paper it is important to write an outline before writing your rough draft. The outline allows you to organize your notecards and thoughts before writing your paragraphs.

First, organize your notecards into common topics-- this should be simple if you labeled your notecards already. Each group of notecards will form a paragraph, including a topic sentence and supporting sentences.

For your outline you will include the topic and three brief sentences/phrases to support your topic. Make sure you don't put down too much information- this is only an outline. More information can (and should) be added to your rough draft.

Use the example below to guide you in you outline.

- I. History of Iraq
 - A. "land between rivers"
 - B. Assyria, Babylon
 - C. Mesopotamia
 - D.

OUTLINE

- I. _____
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
- II. _____
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
- III. _____
 - A. _____
 - B. _____

ROUGH DRAFT

Opening Paragraph:

Paragraph from Roman Numeral I:

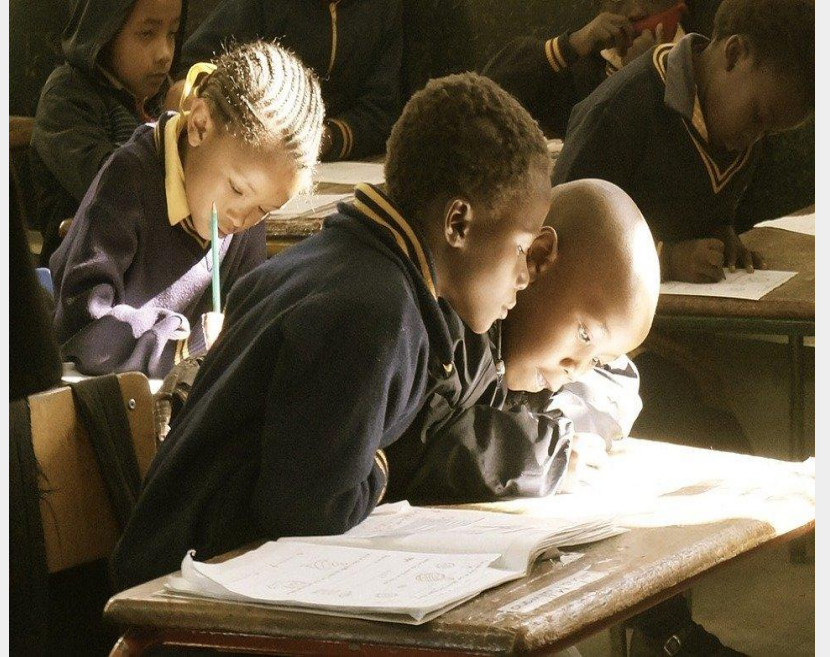
RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

Name _____ Park _____

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RESEARCH CHART	The research chart is not filled out	The research chart is only partially complete	All parts of the research chart are complete
OUTLINE	The outline is not complete	The outline is partially complete and is made up of short phrases and complete sentences	The outline is complete and contains short phrases
NOTECARDS	The notecards are not complete	At least half the notecards are complete. Some contain complete sentences	All notecards are complete and include complete sentences
RESEARCH	Many facts are incorrect and the information is not based on facts	Some research is evident, but not all facts are accurate	Thoroughly researched and facts are accurate
ORGANIZATION	Did not use paragraphs or transitions	Some paragraphs and transitions are present, but not consistently	Paragraphs are well organized; good transitions connect ideas
PARAGRAPHS	Did not use topic sentences or support details	Some paragraphs include topic sentences and supporting details	Each paragraph includes a topic sentence and supporting details
OPENING AND CLOSING	Did not include an opening and closing paragraph	Included an opening and closing paragraph.	An interesting introduction and conclusion present the main idea
SPELLING	Many spelling errors are present which makes it difficult to read the paper	There are several spelling errors	There are very few to no spelling errors
PUNCTUATION	Little to no punctuation is used	There are several punctuation errors	Correct punctuation is used
RESOURCE LIST	Did not include a resource list	Resource list is present, but includes several errors	Resource list is complete and accurate

COMMENTS:

Peer Editing



FINAL DRAFT!!!

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Due After

- **Research**
- **Information Papers**
- **Source Cards**
- **Outlines**
- **Rough Draft**
- **Works Cited**
- **Peer Editing**
- **Additional Time**

PART II: Presentations

This is pretty open ended

Make Something to Present

Something--not Google Slides

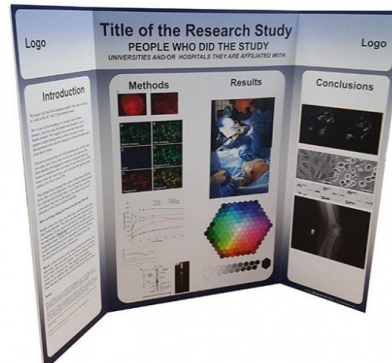
- Brochures
- Tourist Guidebook
- Lego Forest
- Clay animals
- Paper Mache
- Diorama Boxes



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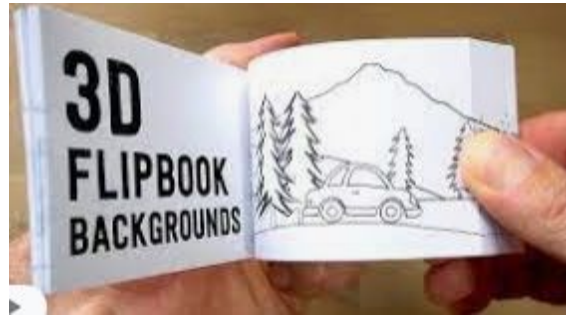
- Newspaper Article with Pictures
- Tri Fold Poster Board
- Play doh Sculpture
- Replica of a monument
- Topographical Map using homemade clay



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- Water feature similar to park
- Volcano
- Zoetrope
- Animated Flipbook
- Scrapbook of a park



It's Time To Get Started!

Pick Your Country! Start Researching!



