

## AP Human Geography – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Project – CULTURE

The second quarter project will be a partner project and will evolve around our large culture unit that will take up the bulk of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. You will select a group of people who share a common culture and create a power point/oral presentation on your group. Your group may vary by scale; it may be as large as a country – such as the United States (American culture) or as small as a fringe group, such as the Amish. As long as you can justify that your group does indeed share a common, unifying culture/identity that is unique from other groups. Within a class, no team will do their project on the same group. You **MAY NOT DUPLICATE** a group someone else has already claimed within your class.

Your power point should include the following elements. Remember you will become the expert on your group and will teach the class.

### **A. Culture:**

- What are the unique customs of your group?
- Aspects of folk culture...food, music, clothing, entertainment, etc.?
- How connected are they to globalization and pop culture? Again, evidence of food, music, clothing, entertainment?
- Women's roles?
- What does the cultural landscape of your region look like? What is unique about it? How do they interact with the environment (environmental determinism or possibilism)? Sustainability?
- Try to give us a feel of what it means to be a member of your group's culture.

### **B. Language:**

- What is the official language? Is it multilingual? Diverse? Other minority languages?
- Historically, trace the official language back...how and when did it come to that region? From where? Diffusion?, etc.
- What family, branch, and group is the dominant language in?
- Dialects? Accents? Unique words?

### **C. Religion:**

- What is the dominant religion? Is it local/ethnic or universalizing? Monotheistic or polytheistic? Is it a branch or denomination of a larger religion?
- Holy books, prophets, basic doctrines?
- Religious customs and holidays?
- Historically, how did the religion come there? The source? Diffusion? When?
- Is it an evangelical (missionary) religion seeking converts?
- Holy sites and places of worship?
- Is it a hierarchical relig?
- Include a statistical breakdown/graph of minority religions (if applicable)
- Religious conflict...historically or currently?

### **D. Ethnicity:**

- What are the race and ethnicity of your group? Is it unified or multicultural? If multicultural, include a statistical breakdown/graph. What are the minority groups?
- How/when did the various ethnicities/races come together (historically)?
- Is there ethnic/racial tension? Ethnic violence, wars, or disputes? (current or historical)
- Segregation (de facto and or de jure)? Ethnic neighborhoods?
- A history of racism and discrimination? Historical and current?

These are the 4 main chapters and questions that should be included in your PP presentation. **Organize your PP thematically in this same order, because I will be checking off the list as you make your presentation.**

In addition to this information, your PP must include:

- a map of your region
- several pictures of the people
- several pictures of the cultural landscape (cities/towns, etc.)
- You must hand in **hard copy** form, a Works Cited page with a minimum of 5 sources. Your Rubenstein book will be a valuable source to familiarize yourself with the geography terminology. Another great culture source is:  
<http://online.culturegrams.com/world/index.php>

Optional items that are not required, but would be considered extra and would help your grade – must be from your region:

- food
- music
- native clothing, trinkets, or other unique material artifacts from the region

Grades will be based on **thoroughness, creativity, and accuracy**. I will be looking to see the following:

- that you covered all the material
- that you were knowledgeable about your topic and well prepared to teach it
- that you used AP HUG terminology
- that your PP/presentation was creative and thoughtful
- that you really helped us to understand what it means to be a member of your group

As usual, the project grade will be part of the 20% of the quarter grade.

**Due Dates:**

Friday 1/5

**Late Due Dates**

Thursday 1/11

All projects are due on the due date (i.e. you need to turn in a hard copy handout of your PP and your works cited page). I will pass around a sign-up sheet for presentations, so not everyone will present that day, but ALL projects are due on the due date regardless of when you present. I anticipate that each presentation will take approximately 10-15 minutes (it shouldn't be much less than 10 or much more than 15).