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Research Project

World Geography Standard: Students will understand how the physical features of the Earth **impact** communities and regions.



Is there a specific place in the world that you DREAM of visiting one day?
Here is your chance to learn about that location!

Research Project Overview

For this project, you are going to research life in a selected location to determine how the physical features of that region **impact life** in the region.

Step One: Choose Your Location. Your first task will be to pick a place in the world that interests you. Once you have picked a location (and you've checked with Mrs. Knowles), you may begin your research! Our goal is to understand how various physical features of the Earth impact the people that live in areas affected by them.

Step Two: Create a Map. Google a blank map of your country and print it out. Then, use both print and digital sources to find information about the geographic features of your location. You will need to identify:

- * major landforms
- * significant bodies of water
- * (climate/vegetation) This may appear on map. It will be written on flap.

Step Three: Find Population Data for your location/Fill in all info on the project organization sheet. Remember, you need to discover how the physical features of your location affects the lives of the people who live there. Population data needed:

- *Total Population
- *Population Distribution
- *Population Density

Step Five: Assemble Your Project Square! (Follow Directions)

Step Six: Share your square with the class.

- * Use your square to briefly describe your location.
- * Share at least 5 "cool" facts about your place.
- * Explain how the physical features affect life in your location.

Research Organization Sheet

Answer each of the questions on this sheet. This is your rough draft. Make all necessary corrections on this **BEFORE** you transfer information to your **SQUARE**.

YOUR CHOSEN LOCATION: _____

Where in the world is your chosen location? (country, continent, hemisphere)

How many people live in your location? In other words, what is the **population** of your location?

Source: _____

Describe the **population distribution** of your location. Is the population evenly distributed? If not, describe how it is spread out. Are there areas that are densely populated? Where are they? Are there areas that are sparsely populated? Describe their location.

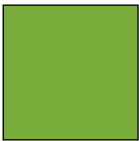
Sources Used: _____

What are some of the physical features of your location? List as many as you can. Remember...Physical Features include landforms and bodies of water.

Are there any "famous" or "extreme" landforms/bodies of water located within your location? What are they? Please describe them in detail.

How do these physical features effect life in your location? For example, the Nile River is a physical feature of Egypt. The river provides a method of trade and travel, as well as water. The Nile also contributes to the fertile soil around the region, which is extremely important for agriculture.

Source(s): _____



How to ASSEMBLE your SQUARE!

Be sure that you have paid attention to THE 5 Cs

CONTENT

CONVENTIONS

CREDIT

CREATIVITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

I. The Outside of Your Square:

A. The Bottom:

1. Name of your location: _____
2. Create a collage showing images of your location which featuring geographic and human features of the place.

B. The Flip Tops:

Label the your 4 flip tops. Check out the cool scripts you can choose from. Be Creative!

1. Landforms
2. Bodies of Water
3. Climate/Vegetation
4. Demographics

II. The Inside of Your Square:

A. The Middle -- A Well Crafted Map of Your Location

Use a blank map of your country to create a hybrid political/physical map. Be sure to include any significant landforms/bodies of water and major cities. Your completed map should include all key elements of a map:

T -- Title

O -- Orientation

D -- Date (small/corner)

A -- Author (small/initials o.k.)

L -- Legend (Map Key)

B. The Flaps

Well constructed paragraphs on each topic!

Please include information about the significant landforms, bodies of water, and climate/vegetation and **how they impact life** in that location. Your paragraph on "Population" should provide the required data (total population, and population density) and explain then explain how the way the population is distributed related to the physical features.