

Nation Profile

Name _____

Region _____

Nation _____

Task: As an introduction to our upcoming geography unit you will conduct a preliminary investigation into a nation using social and economic indicators, and create a personalized **Google Earth** map which you will post on your **blog**.

I. Social and Economic Indicators:

- Through Internet research, you will gather a list of the most recent **key social and economic indicators** for your nation, which you will display on your personalized Google Earth map.
- As you research, **record your notes on your blog**. We recommend using MS Word to type and spell check your work as you go (don't forget to back up on your thumbdrive!).

You must include notes on the following information:

Nation (green)	People (red)	Economy (blue)
<input type="checkbox"/> Country name <input type="checkbox"/> Type of government <input type="checkbox"/> Political leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Population <input type="checkbox"/> Age structure <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic group(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Religion(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Language(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy rates <input type="checkbox"/> Fertility rates <input type="checkbox"/> Life expectancy <input type="checkbox"/> Infant mortality rates	<input type="checkbox"/> GDP per capita <input type="checkbox"/> % Living under Poverty <input type="checkbox"/> % of Internet Users <input type="checkbox"/> % of cell phone owners

II. Google Earth Personalized Map:

- Locate your region on the Earth. Label it. (i.e Europe)
- Label all nations as well as oceans and seas that border your country.
- Locate your country on the Earth. Label it (i.e. Poland)
 - Within your country label, include all details you researched in Step I. Make sure you use the proper color codes to color coordinate your labels (in HTML).

III. Preliminary Observations and Inferences (on your blog):

- **Post a link to your personalized Google Earth map.**
- **Write a carefully constructed paragraph that focuses on the following:** Describe the three areas of challenge the nation faces, given this set of indicators. Be sure to use the statistics you have found to support your inferences.

IV. Reflection (on your blog):

- **Reflect on the process of creating a Google Earth map:**
 - What did you learn from this task?
 - Did you find this difficult or easy? Why?
 - What else would you like to learn about creating Google Earth maps?
 - Add anything else you are thinking about in relation to this project.

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My Score: ____/20

Assessment:

____ 0 1 2 Maps are accurate and follow all instructions

____ 0 1 2 All indicators are included and information is accurate.

____ 0 1 Follows all directions

Assessment:

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Strong, clear thesis statement explains points to be discussed.	Good thesis statement but lacks some clarity and direction.	Poor or no thesis statement.
Strong, clear supporting sentences provide detail and explain main idea(s).	Good supporting sentences provide some detail and explain main idea(s).	Poor supporting sentences d explain main idea.
Strong, clear concluding sentence provides clear link and closure to topic.	Good concluding sentence provides link and closure to topic.	Poor concluding sentence pr link or closure to topic.

Proofreading Errors: Up to 2-pt deduction