Country Report Oral Report
Note-taking Assignment for CountryReports.org Website
For grades 4th to 6th

NAME _________________________ COUNTRY _______________________

• Use your own words: use concise adjectives and nouns in notes. Do not write complete sentences.
• Anything you copy from the text must be in quotation marks.
• Acceptable abbreviations are B.C., A.D., =, %, months of year, $, WWI,
  WWI, TV, temp (°F, °C) EU, CIS, USSR, GDP, GNP, EEC, NATO. The first time you use these words, you must spell the words entirely.
• One main idea and its details per card.
• Source for card's information at the top left and circled ... category name written at top right of card.

Check each circle as you complete the following list:
  o Go to http://www.countryreports.org.
    Login (Username: _____________ Password : _____________)
    Select the country name of your assigned nation
  o Write bibliographic information on a note card.
    Scroll down left side to "Internet Citation".
    Enter the Internet Citation information on your note card.
  o Now see the list of categories in white print along the left side of site
    Start with "Customs and Culture" and work your way through each subdivision noting at least one (1) interesting fact whenever possible. Take notes on note cards.
    Use dot and dash system for taking notes. For Example write "People" on upper right corner and 1 on the top left corner. See example below

EXAMPLE Note card:

1.                                                                                          People
   o Food
     - Tamales
       ▪ Corn meal roll
       ▪ Beef or chicken filling

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o Proceed to the category titled "History" and take notes on note cards using years
or eras as main ideas. On countries with very involved histories, pick only the
most significant dates.
o Next go to "National Symbols" and listen to the national anthem. If there is a
name take notes on note cards including both the native and English names. Also,
include notes on the flag. -- A hand drawn flag may be included for extra credit.
o Now click on "Geography" and "Overview". Take notes on note cards recording
location, total area, border countries, terrain, percent of arable land, and natural
hazards.
o Next go to "Country Map" and include a hand drawn map with shows the capital
city.
o Go to "Climate and Weather" using note cards record the name of the climate
zone and winter and summer conditions.
o Check lists to see if your country has one of the highest peaks, longest rivers, or
largest lakes.
o Click on "Economy" find your country's currency, Gross Domestic Product
(GDP), GDP per Capita, unemployment rate, industries, and agricultural products.
Write your information on your note cards.
o Go to "Exports" and find a dollar amount per year. Do the same for "Imports."
Subtract import from export amount to see if your country has a negative or
positive trade balance and record information on note cards.
o Go to “Population” find the population number, nationality (noun), the ethnic
groups, and languages of your country. Write your information on your note
cards.
o Go to “Government” locate the conventional long form" and "conventional short
form" names of your country, government type, capital city, Independence Day,
administrative divisions, executive branch, legislative branch, judicial branch.
Write your information on your note cards.