

Global Studies - Extra Credit Project

Background

The first flags appeared thousands of years ago to make it easier to distinguish the two sides in battle. In the Middle Ages, flags emblazoned with coats of arms that were the symbols of a member of the nobility. Today's national flags contain colors, symbols, words, and pictures that tell a story about the history of the nation or some of the nation's natural resources or features.

In all cases, flags are a symbol of a community: Canadians, members of the United Nations, Alaskans, supporters of the African National Congress, San Franciscans, and students of an elementary school all use flags as a symbol of their shared identity.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Research a country's flag

**this must be approved by Mrs. Majask

2. Make the flag

**flag must be 22 inches x 34 inches and be made of felt cloth

**Peek in Mrs. Avey's class to see examples

3. Make a 1-2 page fact sheet about your country and flag

Your fact sheet must include information on the following topics:

Country Info:

- Name
- Location (include a map)
- Brief History – Were they ever colonized by another country? If so, who? When did they gain their independence?

Current Status:

- What is the current political system in this country
- Are they a member of the UN?
- Current economic system – How has globalization/trade affected this country?
- List three things that people should know about this country.

Flag

- What colors make up the flag?
- What do the colors represent?
- List the symbols on the flag. What do they symbolize?
- How is the country's history or natural resources represented in the colors and symbols?
- Any other interesting or relevant information. (i.e. Is this the only flag or were there others? Why?)

ASSESSMENT.

Only neat and professional work will be accepted and graded! All information should be in your own words. Any plagiarized information will result in no extra credit points. See Mrs. Majask with any questions or concerns.

DUE DATE AND POINTS

All projects are due by Thursday, March 29th and are worth 20 extra credit points.

Good Luck and Have Fun!

