

Dear Parents,

Please sign on the line below to show that you have read the letter and have seen the requirements for the country report. These papers should have a designated binder or folder to keep all country report information together. I will check for your signature, the information sheets, and the folder or binder at school. Each student is responsible for having their materials at school during this project.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Garrett

St. Anthony's Sixth Grade Country Report

Dear Parents,

As we start a new trimester, I am sure you have noticed a change in your child. The students are maturing quickly and reaching for new experiences. Many are realizing the meaning of sixth grade and the role it has in preparing them for the future.

Therefore, during this trimester I will be preparing them for junior high work. In the areas of social studies, the students will be working on a power point presentation. This project will not be the usual written report, but will be a new and exciting learning experience. You will find in this packet a list of items to be included in the project. Due dates are subject to change. The students will finish their research by delivering an oral presentation that summarizes their report.

The project starts on Tuesday/Wednesday, January 12-13 and the power point project, in its entirety, is due Wednesday, March 31. The oral presentations will be in April. This year in an effort to help your child budget their time, I will have different sections of the report due at different times.

The report will have a major impact on their grade for the trimester. They will have over 11 weeks to complete this project. They will be responsible for having materials related to the project in class. The students will have two social studies periods a week, in class, to work on the project. This will be my only chance to see how they are doing and make recommendations for improvement.

I am asking you to encourage your child as much as possible, and to help them schedule a regular time to work on this project. This does not mean that **you** do the project. However, you and your child will need to make several trips to the library, write letters to various places, use the internet, and/or visit our media center to gather materials. Research must include other sources besides internet (books, encyclopedia, newspaper articles, brochures, interviews, etc). Please write down all sources used for the bibliography. We will be utilizing our school computer time for the project, and will complete this project **at school**. It is important that your child learn from this experience! If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Garrett ☺

Items to be included in the country report power point presentation, or “Everything you need to know about this project!” Dates are subject to change. You will also be receiving hand-outs as we go along. This will help you know what information is required for each slide. 6S/6G

1. Title page – flag **1/12-13**
2. Introduction (why you chose this country) – map **1/12-13**
3. Statistics (use handout) –map **1/19-20**
4. History of your country (timeline) **1/26-27**
5. Famous person (living and/or deceased) **2/2-3**
DOB, DOD, how are they connected to your country?
6. Sports and/or Games of the Country. **2/9-10**
7. Describe daily life: Must discuss: **family** (possible ideas: At what age do they marry? Average number of children? Does every family have a car?),
education (At what age do they start school? What is school like?),
holidays, (celebrated holidays?), **government** (include name of current leader), **entertainment**. (What do the native people eat? t.v. movies, computers, etc.) Anything you find interesting. **2/16-17**
8. Religion of the country **3/2-3**
9. Myth or legend of the country **3/9-10**

Some maps to choose from

- **City (must have)**
- Population
- Natural resources (includes major crops and industries like oil, coal, natural gas, etc...)
- Topographic map (What the land looks like, elevation, lakes, rivers, etc)
- Transportation (railways, ports, airports, roads, etc.)
- Political

Bibliography (Source list of all books, internet sites, magazines, etc. used for information) See example from hand-out. **Not a slide. Hand in typed at time of oral presentation.**

In addition to the report, you will be required to discuss your country. We are writing the speech in class. Each speech for each slide is approximately 30 seconds long. It is your responsibility to practice at home. The average country report should be about 5-7 minutes long. **The entire speech may not go over 10 minutes.** We will begin presentations in the classroom starting in April.

A poster board for the country report will be completed in class, January 20-21.

We will also have our ever popular Country Convention. This event is held in the social hall and will be a display of items representing the country – a sample of food, the poster board, music, literature, art, etc. Family, friends, school, and church community are invited to attend. This will be on **April** (Please don't ask about this now – more info to come) Any perishable or precious items will be brought on this day.

DO NOT WAIT TO START THIS PROJECT! This is a big part of your grade for social studies. Designate a time everyday, to work a little at a time for research, so when you come to the computer lab you will know what you will be doing. You will not feel overwhelmed if you plan ahead. Remember that it is not so much as learning about your country, but learning how to write a report. If there are any problems, see me! Have fun and enjoy what you are learning.

Mrs. Garrett ☺