

# Culture Investigation Mini-Project

**Culture Definition:** The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group from a specific time and place.

## Synopsis

Our world is filled with a vast array of different, and intertwined, cultures.

For this mini-project you are asked to investigate a culture of your choosing, complete a brief written report, and share a visual display or demonstration. The culture you select may be a country, ethnic or indigenous group, or a group of people connected by shared beliefs, values, and/or language. You may focus on a historic cultural group (e.g. the Ancient Greeks, Romans, or Egyptians). The goal is to learn more about a culture and share your findings with the class in a fun and engaging manner.

This assignment will be graded in Writing and Social Studies.

Please visit the class website for lists of cultural groups: [wolfpups.org](http://wolfpups.org) (Language Arts)

## Report Requirements

Please refer to the attached handouts. You may complete any of the three choices:

1. Contemporary Cultural Group
2. Ancient Cultural Group
3. Country Report

## Visual Display or Demonstration

You have abundant options to share a visual display or demonstration with the class.

Posted below are a few suggestions; however, you are welcome to develop something else.

- Create a poster with pictures, captions, and interesting facts
- Create a Google Slides presentation
- Perform a musical or dance performance
- Demonstrate how to play a traditional game
- Bake an authentic food dish
- Share artifacts (e.g. coins, jewelry, clothing, tools, etc.)
- Interview or invite a guest speaker to the class
- Share copies of art examples and/or teach an art lesson to the class
- Demonstrate how to play a traditional sport from the country
- Other- Please share your ideas with Mr. Kinder for approval

## Grading

Written Report (including half a page summary of highlights)	10 Points
Visual Display or Performance	10 points
Class Presentation	10 points

# Contemporary Cultural Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions

Please answer the questions below and write a half-page summary of highlights about the culture. It is recommended that you share interesting facts about the culture.

Please prepare a visual display or demonstration to share about the culture.

1. Name of the cultural group?
2. Where is the cultural group located?
3. Describe the unique features of the cultural group?
4. What language(s) are spoken?
5. What religion(s), if any, are important to the group?
6. What are some of the group's achievements?
7. Write a brief history of the group.

# Ancient Cultural Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions

Please answer the questions below and **write a half-page summary of highlights about the culture**. It is recommended that you share interesting facts about the culture.

Please prepare a visual display or demonstration to share about the culture.

1. Name of the cultural group?
2. Where was the cultural group located?
3. Describe the unique features of the cultural group?
4. What language(s) were spoken?
5. What religion(s), if any, were important to the group?
6. What were some of the group's achievements?
7. Write a brief history of the group.

# Country Report

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions

Please answer the questions below and **write a half-page summary of highlights about the country.**

It is recommended that you share interesting facts about the country's culture.

Please prepare a visual display or demonstration to share about the country.

## 20 Country Facts (geography, politics, demographics, social and cultural facts, and statistics)

Use an almanac, encyclopedia, or the internet: <http://www.infoplease.com/almanacs.html>

1. Name of the Country \_\_\_\_\_
2. Geographic Region \_\_\_\_\_
3. Neighboring Countries \_\_\_\_\_
4. Geography Overview \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of a Famous Geographic Feature \_\_\_\_\_
6. Average Summer and Winter Temperature \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Year the Country was Founded \_\_\_\_\_
8. Capital \_\_\_\_\_
9. Current Leader \_\_\_\_\_
10. System of Government \_\_\_\_\_
11. Population \_\_\_\_\_
12. Ethnic Groups \_\_\_\_\_
13. Official Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Major Religion(s) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Literacy Rate \_\_\_\_\_
16. Average Life Expectancy \_\_\_\_\_
17. Average Annual Income (per capita) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Name of Currency \_\_\_\_\_
19. Major Exports \_\_\_\_\_
20. One Famous Tourist Site \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you want to visit this country?

What would you want to see in this country?