**THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE – LATIN AMERICA “P.E.R.S.I.A.”**

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***Chosen Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**Performance Indicators:** **History** – Apply the tools, thinking, and practices of history to understand and communicate how people view, construct, and interpret history. Also to analyze key historical periods and patterns of change over time within and across nations and cultures. **Geography** – Apply the tools, thinking, and practices of geography to analyze places and regions across the world, develop spatial understanding and perspectives, make decisions, and solve geographic problems. **Economics** – Explore how different economic systems affect job and career options and the population’s standards of living. **Civics** – Apply understanding of origin, structure, and function of governments to analyze their impacts on societies and citizens.

**PROJECT: You and your partner (you are welcome to do this individually) will create a poster, a PowerPoint, Prezi, brochures, Google Doc, or Google Slides, or any other combinations of media to present your country. To earn a 100%, you will need to include all items below. (100 points). \* For brochures and maps, when you get ready to turn them in, you can send a picture to my email.**

**Time: 2 WEEKS for research and projects.**

**RESOURCES: Online research—Try World Book Encyclopedia Online, or for no internet, you will use an encyclopedia from the school.**

**COUNTRIES TO CHOOSE FROM:**

**South America Central America Caribbean**

1. **Venezuela 1. Mexico 1. Cuba**
2. **Peru 2. Guatemala 2. Puerto Rico**
3. **Brazil 3. Panama 3. Haiti**
4. **Chile 4. Honduras 4. Bahamas**
5. **Argentina 5. Costa Rica 5. Dominican Republic**
6. **Bolivia**
7. **Ecuador**

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:** These questions need to be answered and included in your presentation.

1. How have geographic factors influenced human settlement and economic activity?
2. How does where we live influence how we live?

This is your checklist for everything you need for each section:

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1. ***Political****:*

\_\_\_\_\_A. Type of government

\_\_\_\_\_B. What are the major cabinets in your country’s national government? For example, USA has a Democracy type of government and it consists of 3 cabinets: 1. Executive Branch (President), 2. Legislative Branch (Congress), and 3. Judicial Branch (Supreme Court).

\_\_\_\_\_C. Make your country’s flag, include any information on its

Meaning.

1. ***Economic:***

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A. What type of economic system does this country have?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ B. What are its key industries or manufacturing?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ C. Types of transportation used?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ D. Environmental issues that are a focus in your country?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ E. Use of energy to provide electricity?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ F. What type of money does your country use, what is its most

recent Foreign Exchange Rate? (Internet search)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ G. Major Imports

\_\_\_\_\_\_ H. Major Exports

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I. Tourism

1. ***Religious:***

\_\_\_\_\_ A. Religion mostly practiced or \*a pie graph of religions practiced

1. ***Social:***

\_\_\_\_\_A. What are the typical family roles?

\_\_\_\_\_B. Types of houses

\_\_\_\_\_C. Types of clothing or costumes

\_\_\_\_\_D. Art/Literature/Music

\_\_\_\_\_E. Food, beverages, share recipes or \*bring food or beverage

\_\_\_\_\_F. Sports or recreation including games

1. ***Intellectual*:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A. Education differences from USA \*Venn diagram

\_\_\_\_\_\_ B. Types of jobs or work \*Venn diagram

1. ***Area***: **(\* map displaying as much of you can on it)**

\_\_\_\_\_A. Location of your country by longitude and latitude

\_\_\_\_\_B. Size of your country by area of square miles

\_\_\_\_\_C. Neighboring countries to your country

\_\_\_\_\_D. Major city, its latest population and any interesting sites

\_\_\_\_\_E. The nearest mountain range

\_\_\_\_\_F. The nearest ocean(s) or large sea, or major waterways

\_\_\_\_\_G. Climates of your country in the summer and winter

\_\_\_\_\_H. Physical feature map (Don’t forget the key)

\_\_\_\_\_I. Natural resources that are in your country

\_\_\_\_\_J. Agricultural products produced (include livestock)

*PLEASE INCLUDE A WORK CITED PAGE FOR ALL SOURCES USED.*

**Extensions:**

**If you’d like the extra challenge, you can also include in your project some “Current Event” news about your project country:**

1. **What are some political issues that are currently happening right now?**
2. **What are some current environmental issues happening right now?**