Central & South Asia Research Project

You will work in assigned groups of three to create a presentation about a Central or South Asian nation.

Your informative and analytical presentation should include and will be assessed on the following:

1. Geographic location & notable physical features of the nation.

2. Provide a brief history of the peoples that occupied the region and a brief description of when and how the current nation state was formed.

3. Explain any outside political or economic influences. Was the region ruled or influenced by any other nation prior to gaining independence? Be sure to assess how gaining independence from outside rule impacted the political and economic situation and the people of the nation.

4. Analyze the changing political and economic landscape in the 20th & 21st century. To what extent was the nation impacted by other major world events?

5. Explain the current political and economic situation of the nation. It is nice to include some demographic information too – recent images, and other visuals (pie charts, bar graphs) are helpful here.

6. Lastly, include a few fun & interesting facts about the nation – images, the national flag.

Presentations should be limited to about 8-10 slides and 10 minutes.

**Be sure to keep your slides focused on images and things that will keep your audience interested. Limit the amount of words on presentation slides (max. 25), rather use prepared notecards to deliver the information verbally. You may not use your iPad for notes.

Sources: Please limit your sources to academic sources. You may use your World History Reader, your textbook, book sources and the Jesuit library’s electronic databases. **Please do not do random online searches.** You must draw from at least five different sources. Please begin with Britannica Online, Culture Grams & Gale Power Search. You may use the following two online sources:


*Hyperlinks to these pages are on the Canvas Page (Day 14)*
MLA Citations - Be sure to include all of your sources in proper MLA citation format on additional slides at the end of your presentation. Be sure sources are in alphabetical order with proper indentation. (See Canvas Day 14 for MLA guides).

Central & South Asia Research Project Grading Rubric

Central or South Asian Nation: ___________________________ ______________________

Group Members: ___________________________ ______________________

Research & Content - good academic research is evidenced by in class preparation, the content provided & the academic sources used. Multiple sources (min. of 5) should be used. Content of the presentation covers all requirements, emphasis is on the most significant information, and students work to make larger connections and provide some analysis as they tell the story of the nation.

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Visual Presentation - presentation is clearly organized, visually interesting, easy to follow and not distracting. _____/5

Verbal & Non-verbal Presentation – verbal presentation is clear and organized, students speak with good volume, clarity, diction and enthusiasm. Students maintain eye contact with audience and do not rely on reading from notes. Evidence of preparation and practice is present.

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Group Participation - the individual was an active participant in the research, preparation and delivery of information. Group members listen attentively and do not distract from the speakers during the presentations.

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MLA Citations - a minimum of 5 sources are used and are included on the last presentation slide. All sources are in proper MLA citation format.

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TOTAL _____/35