**Political Geography – Country Analysis Project Assigned Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday January 28, 2020**

**You will complete this project in a Google Doc or in Google Slides and turn in on Google Classroom.**

**Organize your work in these parts – make a neat outline, create a chart (keep it organized & easy to read).**

**PART I. FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY –** Focus on your assigned country, and look at that country through the lens of the five themes of geography and current events.

**1.** **LOCATION** – Show the location of your country on a world map (you can just find a picture).

**2. REGIONS –** In what world region of the world does your country belong (use the AP Human Geography terms – South Asia, East Africa, etc.)? What are the physical characteristics of that region (mountainous, tropical forest, desert, etc.)? Name at least one cultural characteristic that is common **in that region** (language, religion, ethnicity, etc).

**3. PLACE –** Give five (5) facts that are specific to the **culture** of your assigned country.

**4. HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS –** Explain ONE issue relating to the impact humans have on the environment in your assigned country (can be positive or negative).

**5. MOVEMENT –** What goods move in and out of the country (major imports and exports)? What is the net migration rate? What is the reason for this rate (why people are moving in/out)?

**PART II . Political Geography (use the country you were assigned)**

1. List advantages and disadvantages of its location (be sure to look at if it’s landlocked, has good ports, if it’s located near a maritime chokepoint, etc).
2. Describe the boundaries of your country using class vocabulary (geometric, superimposed, subsequent, consequent, etc.). What physical features make up the boundary (if so, what are they)? Which boundaries are based on culture (ethnicity, religion, language, etc.)?
3. How did colonialism, imperialism, war, or revolution affect the boundaries as they are today?
4. How are the boundaries demarcated on the landscape (walls, military, a sign, nothing, etc.)?
5. If the country currently has any boundary disputes describe them - with whom and what is the dispute about…plus, is it a locational, territorial, allocational, or functional? You can also include disputes involving the sea (EEZ’s).
6. Is your country a multinational state? What nation(s) exist in the country?
7. Is your country a unitary or federal state? Explain one advantage **and** one disadvantage of this.
8. To what supranational organizations does your country belong? What are some advantages of being a member of these organizations?
9. Explain a centripetal force that affects this country.
10. Explain a centrifugal force that affects this country.
11. A trend around the world is toward countries becoming more democratic over time. Is this true for this country? Why or why not?
12. How can increased communication technology facilitate increased democratization (this can be generally, not just for your country)?

**\*\*\*Deductions will be taken for any issues with organization, neatness, distracting errors (grammar, spelling, capitalization, etc.), and project-quality presentation (attractive, visually appealing)**