Current Issues and Geography Wilton

Poverty Project Rubric

This assignment is for you to compare an advanced country (U.S.A, U.K., France, Germany, Canada, others with approval), with a less advanced country (ask before but almost every country in Africa, some Central America, some South America, some Asia) using a number of statistical measures.

Use the website <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

as much as possible for info. (just goggle CIA factbook) I’ll show you how to do this in advance.

Consider the 5 Ps that we learned about in class. Here are some ideas for what you can include about each country to compare your two countries.

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| PLACE:  How many square km?  Top 3 natural resources  How many neighbors? (are they stable or unstable)  Any coastlines or notable rivers? (may just have to google that one)  Describe the climate | PAST:  Colonial history? If so, when was independence?  Civil Wars?  Notable other wars?  Role in WWII, and subsequent role in world affairs | POLITICS:  Is there rule of law? Evidence of no rule of law? (use of torture by police, corruption in govt, etc)  Do people elect their govt?  Are leaders too strong? Or too weak? (how often is there a transfer of power?)  Is the govt stable? |
| PEACE:  Significant wars w/ other countries?  Where were they fought?  Civil wars?  Risk of any wars resuming?  Any neighboring wars? | PEOPLE:  How many?  What is the age structure (find a population pyramid)  Life expectancy?  Literacy rate?  Where do they live?  Different ethnic groups and languages? | Other facts:  Include any other facts that you think may be relevant to your analysis between the two countries |

\*You need to cover each “P”

\*You need 3-4 points on each “P”

\*You need a slide on why you think the advanced country is advanced, and one on why the impoverished country is impoverished (your opinion on the main reason)

\*You need a slide on what the impoverished country should do to try and “break the cycle” of their current state (better education, larger funding of military, less corruption in govt, etc.)

\*You need a slide on what the international community should/could do to help the impoverished country

Here is what I am thinking a perfect presentation would include: Don’t forget to include images!!!

1. Title slide
2. Names of countries being compared and flag or map of each
3. Slide over Place for country A
4. Slide over Place for country B
5. Slide over Past for country A
6. Slide over Past for country B
7. Side over Politics for country A
8. Slide over Politics for country B
9. Slice over Peace for country A
10. Slide over Peace for country B
11. Slide over People for country A
12. Slide over People for country B
13. Any other relevant information
14. Your opinion on why the advanced country is more advanced and the impoverished country is more impoverished
15. A slide on what you think the impoverished country can do to “break the cycle” of poverty
16. Works cited (just cut and paste the website you used, yes Wikipedia is ok)

Rubric for grading: 40 Summative points

10 points for use of class time

3 points for being on time (due date)

5 points for spelling/grammar

5 points for aesthetics (include pics, a presentation can’t be boring!!!)

15 points for content (is it enough info, too short, or barely present)

2 points for works cited