

NATION-STATE CASE STUDY

You have been assigned a nation-state from among those covered on the AP Comparative Government Exam. You are responsible for a research paper and presentation on that nation-state in conjunction with our unit on that nation-state. Your presentation will occur during on first day of our study of that nation-state. Your research paper will be due **Monday, March 28**. In all, this case study project accounts for **20%** of your final grade in the course. Details on each task follow.

Research Paper

You are to write a 5-7 page paper about your nation-state. The paper should include the following sections (order/organization is up to you):

- Brief history of the nation-state, focusing mostly on significant political events (i.e. independence, revolution, constitution-writing). Major cultural, economic, or external events that influenced the political system may also be addressed. **20 points.**
- Detailed description of the current governmental situation including a description of the regime, information on major political figures and groups, and a discussion of political structures and their functions. **40 points.**
- Discussion of contemporary political and social problems accompanied by a brief discussion of possible outcomes, and addressing the stability of the political system and its likelihood to persist. **20 points.**

Scoring for the paper will be on a 100-point scale. Each section of your paper will be assigned up to the number of points indicated above. Maximum points for each section will be earned by addressing all required elements in a thorough, analytical manner. In addition, up to **10 points** will be earned for correctly citing all sources using MLA format. The final **10 points** will be awarded for clear, concise writing following the conventions of academic writing.

Presentation

On the first day of the unit on your nation-state your group will teach the class about your nation-state. Your presentation should cover the following topics in an insightful, compelling manner:

- Form of government, including major structures and institutions
- Major political figures, both current and historical
- Significant historical events that have lasting effects on the political culture
- Forms of political participation, including political parties
- Role in the international community, including involvement in IGOs and role in international conflicts
- Other significant information about the nation-state that you feel is necessary to understanding its political system

The presentation component is worth **100 points**. Full points will be earned by covering all items above in a manner that demonstrates understanding and encourages engaged learning by the class.

NATION-STATE PRESENTATION RUBRIC

- _____ Form of government, including major structures and institutions **(30)**
- _____ Major political figures, both current and historical **(10)**
- _____ Significant historical events that have lasting effects on the political culture **(10)**
- _____ Forms of political participation, including political parties **(10)**
- _____ Role in the international community, including involvement in IGOs and role in international conflicts **(10)**
- _____ Other significant information about the nation-state that you feel is necessary to understanding its political system **(10)**
- _____ Presentation style/encouraging class engagement **(20)**
- _____ **TOTAL SCORE (100)**