

Library Services

Library Lesson

Topic	Pack your virtual luggage for a quick trip around the world. Your job is to research a country from one of the following continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, or South America and learn what makes them unique. You will use the Country Watch Database on Clever to complete your assignment.
Grade	9 th – 12 th
Essential Question(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should I explore new places, people, and cultures? 2. How is this country similar to your own country? 3. How is this country different from your own country?
Learning Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I can use technology to access curriculum aligned resources. 2. I can use this database to browse and explore countries around the world. 3. I can use the links provided to learn all aspects of a country. 4. I can become more globally aware and knowledgeable.
Lesson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You will select a country in one of the following continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, or South America to research. 2. Login to your Clever account and scroll down or click Library Services in the left-side menu. Before you click on Country Watch, click on the "?" to view the username and password before you click the icon to open this resource. 3. Click on the tab "Culture Watch" and either: click on Select a Country or List of Countries, to view all country names in alphabetical order. 4. Use the links on the left-hand side of the page to research all aspects of the country you selected. 5. You will explore many different aspects of your country, including, the History, the Geography, the Culture, the Economy, the Climate, and other Interesting Facts. 6. After you completed your research, you will answer five out of ten discussion questions.
Standards	<u>NG ELA Anchor Standard 1</u> : Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content

	<p><u>NG Social Studies Standard 2</u>: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p> <p><u>NG Social Studies Standard 5</u>: Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.</p> <p><u>ISTE 3a</u>: Students plan and employ effective research strategies to locate information and other resources for their intellectual or creative pursuits.</p>
Assessment	<p>After you completed your research, you will answer five out of ten discussion questions. Use your notes to answer the questions in detail.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the climate in this country. Are there different climates in different parts of the country? If so, describe these differences. What evidence do you see on the country or regional map to indicate what the climate is like? 2. What are this country's major population centers, and where are they located? Is one part of the country more densely populated than other parts? If so, why is this the case? 3. If you were to visit this country, what languages would you expect to hear, and what types of religious services might you attend? Would you expect to see much racial and ethnic diversity, or would the population be relatively homogeneous? 4. What are some key events in this country's history? How has the country's history affected its current population and culture? Is the nation currently feeling the impact of certain historical events, patterns, or decisions? 5. Describe the country's political structure. Who is in charge of making decisions? Do the people get a chance to participate in political life? How does this government structure compare to the one in your own country? 6. Describe current political conditions in this country. What types of political controversies or difficulties has this country faced or is it currently facing? How is this country getting along with other countries in its region and in the world? 7. How has this country's economy been faring in the past few years? What has happened to unemployment, consumer prices, and GDP, and what do these figures reveal about the

	<p>country's economic health? Where does this country fit into the ranking of all countries for GDP per capita?</p> <p>8. What are this country's key economic sectors? In what ways is each of these sectors important to the overall economic health of the country? Which of these sectors, if any, represent significant sources of export revenue?</p> <p>9. What are the prospects for foreign investment in this country's economy? If you were in charge of a large business in your own country, would you want to do business in this country? Why or why not?</p> <p>10 What are the most significant environmental issues facing this country? In what ways are these issues related to the country's economic activities? What activities are under way to improve these problems? Are these environmental problems typical of the region in which the country is located, or are they unique to this country?</p>
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Reading Notes

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Directions: Answer your questions on this worksheet.

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