

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	7 th & 8 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 write a 3-5 page report.
Standards	<p><u>NG ELA Anchor Standard 1</u>: Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.</p> <p><u>NYS K-8 Social Studies Framework</u>: Geographic Reasoning</p>

	<p>1. Use location terms and geographic representations (maps and models) to describe where places are in relation to each other, to describe connections between places, and to evaluate the benefits of particular places for purposeful activities.</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>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>As you read about your country takes notes to answer the questions in detail. When you have answered all questions, use your notes to write your report. Remember your report should include an introduction and a conclusion and details from your notes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where is your country located? What continent is it on? What are the neighboring countries? 2. What are the geographic features of your country? 3. What is the population of your country? 4. What is the climate of your country? It is usually warm, usually cold, or is it both? Be specific 5. What are the main holidays in your country? Who celebrates and when do these holidays take place? 6. What is the tourism like in your country? What are the main points of interest? 7. What are some popular foods in your country? 8. What languages are spoken in your country? 9. Can you provide some information about the history of your country? Were there any wars or important events that took place? 10. Did you find anything interesting you would like to include in this report?

