**Celebrating Middle Eastern Culture and History: Travel Guide**

To wrap-up our introductory section of the Middle East unit, your group will create a virtual **travel guide** for an assigned Middle Eastern country. The travel guide should entice potential travelers to come visit your country by showing them examples of its rich history and cultural traditions. Include all of the following:

* The first slide should have the name of your country and an enticing collage of pictures from the country
* a map of the Middle East showing where the country is located
* historic sites (include pics & info for 4 sites),
* religiously important sites (include pics & info for 3 sites),
* geographic wonders (pics & info for 3 locations),
* information about 2 key cities (include map showing where these cities are located & pics; try to focus on culturally important cities; include info on what makes them important cities)
* 2 interesting political sites (could be government buildings or other sites of political importance); include map showing sites & info on why they are interesting to you
* 2 interesting economic sites (e.g. stock exchanges, centers of commerce, etc.)
* examples of food culture (pics & info of 3 examples),
* works of art and some info about those works (include 2 examples),
* famous writer or poet, city where they’re from, and example of their work,
* one or two short video clips about your country (see below for more info)
* generate GoogleDoc for student note sheet **with blanks to be filled in by your classmates as you present**

**Countries & Groups:**

**Israel (Ainsley, Cody, Elizabeth)**

**Saudi Arabia (Claire, Morgan, Meghan)**

**Lebanon (Nate, Jake, Lily)**

**Jordan (Hannah, Gabe, Jon)**

**Egypt (Makayla, Talaysha, Stephanie)**

**Group Requirements:**

* each group member is responsible to contribute equally (in other words, just having one group member find all of your pictures is not acceptable); split up this assignment among your group and **put your initials on the slides you prepared**
* in addition to the rubric I’ll use to grade this project, there will be a collaboration rubric where you will grade each other; if it becomes apparent you did not provide full effort or complete your part of the assignment, you will receive a failing grade for the assignment; if one of your group members fails to complete their part, the rest of the group still needs to complete that part…if that happens, let me know on the collaboration rubric
* Double-check each other to make sure all slides make sense & are grammatically correct; you will be graded as a group, so take it upon yourself to collaborate with your group members and encourage them to complete everything correctly

**HONORS ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT:**

Each Honors student in your group needs to locate, summarize (type up summary to submit), and present 3 POSITIVE (or at worst, non-negative) current events that have taken place recently in your assigned country. You will end your group’s presentation by sharing your findings. Talk to your group members to make sure you are not choosing the same articles! Follow the same format as the Middle East current events assignment (without Dig Deeper).

**DUE DATE: THURSDAY, OCT. 18**

**Turn over for formatting requirements and suggestions-----------------------🡪**

**Formatting:**

* **Google Slides; Share your Google Slides with me when you get started**
* **For the rest of the slides, include both pics and text; do not use font smaller than 22pt**
* include one short (4 mins or less) **video clip** about your country in the presentation; a good site to search for vid clips is <https://vimeo.com/>
  + if you prefer YouTube & are able to get on there using your school laptops, to download YouTube clips, just follow these easy instructions:

1. Go to http://www.clipconverter.cc/  
2. Go to YouTube and open your video. Copy the link in the search bar.  
3. Paste the link in ClipConverter  
4. Select your file type. I recommend AVI for video and audio.  
5. Once you've selected the file type, more options appear. You'll see a box ticked off: Convert from the beginning of the video. Deselect the box. Now you can enter where you want the upload to start (e.g. 00:01:08), same for the end (e.g. 00:01:20). You don't have to change any other settings, unless you want to change the quality.  
6. Click on 'Continue' right next to the bar with the link. ClipConverter wil now check the link.  
7. If everything went well, you should able to press "Start" now at the bottom of the window.  
8. The file will upload into your Downloads file.

**Contingency Plans for Group Members Who Are Absent:**

* Exchange phone numbers with your group members now and figure out who will be responsible for what. If one member is absent on a full work day, they will probably have to complete this assignment on their own for a different country if they don’t complete their assigned part by the due date.

**Celebrating Mid-East Culture Presentation Rubric**

* **First slide with country name and pics collage /3**
* **Middle East map with your country highlighted /2**
* **Historic sites (4) w/pics & info**  **/12**
* **Religious sites (3) w/pics & info /9**
* **Geographic wonders (3) w/pics & info /9**
* **Information about a couple key cities (include map showing where these**

**cities are located & pics; try to focus on culturally important cities) /8**

* **Interesting political sites (**include map showing sites & info on why they are

interesting to you) **/8**

* **Interesting economic sites w/info /8**
* **Examples of food culture (3)w/pics & info /9**
* **Works of art (2)w/info about those works /6**
* **famous writer/ poet, city where they’re from/example of their work /6**
* **Short video clip**
* **GoogleDoc for student note sheet w/blanks /5**

**Deductions for formatting or other issues -**

**TOTAL: /85**

**Honors Current Events**

**Summarize & present 3 positive (or at least non-negative) current events /15**