

Dear Fifth Grade Parents

A major project for 5th graders is completing a History Nation Notebook. The Nation Notebook will reinforce organizational skills, encourage neatness, and require work by specific deadlines. Student's will also learn to summarize information and in the end will have an excellent resource book!

The Nation Notebook is similar to the State Notebook completed in the fourth grade, but students will chose a **country** (except the U.S., Mexico and Canada) to complete various maps, answer questions, and collect pictures. **(Lot's of pictures)**

We will begin in September and work on this notebook for two months.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Choose a country you are interested in.
- Keep a folder (or a box) of every picture, map, chart, and fact you can either cut out or copy. (I.e. the nation's symbol, flag, motto, *songs, nation anthem)**Lots** of pictures are needed.
- Write a missionary in that country and ask for information and or pictures.
- Keep a bibliography of sources used. Include the title, author, publisher, date, and city of publication.
- Suggested places to look for pictures are: ask travel agencies or airlines for unused magazines and churches for an address of a missionary or other information. (This is not a complete list.)

If you have any questions, we will be happy to assist you in any way.

5th Grade Teachers

*Songs from your country and the nation anthems are difficult to find. Here is the name of a book that may help.

National Anthems of the World You may find this at the Manor Library, Elmhurst Lane, Portsmouth

REF
784.71
NA
1985
Sixth Edition

*Missionary info: past or present missions work is fine.
*You'll be asked to prepare a food from your country as well.

Nation Notebook Page Description

- PAGE 1: Title page- 1 large picture, 6" x 6", or a collage of several small
- 2: Table of Contents-no work
 - 3: Geography-Fill in the blanks & color
 - 4: Highlights- 3 pictures with short (1-2 sent.) explanations of 3 things for which the country is noted.
 - 5: Picture Tour-4 pictures labeled- include capital city, geographical features, national landmarks
 - 6: Picture Tour-BONUS ONLY-3 pictures labeled
 - 7: Map-**STUDENT TRACES BY HAND** & includes major cities, rivers, lakes, capital city, any deserts and mountain ranges. *also needed- most current population figure and size of country in square miles
 - 8-9: Geographic Features-1 picture and short description each of mountains, rivers/lakes, forests, lakes, and others like seashores, volcanoes
 - 10: Capital City-report of 10 sent. Min.
 - 11: Other Important Cities-at least 3 with different facts about each
 - 12: Climate-creative writing assignment of 10 sentences including general climate of the country. *also include average summer/winter temperature & average yearly rainfall – this is a friendly letter!
 - 13: Natural Resources-5 sentence report on country's natural resources including pictures. Pictures may be hand drawn
 - 14: Resources and Industries-Trace an outline of country and draw symbols to indicate resource or industry. Provide a key to this.
 - 15: Wildlife-3 pictures min. with labels
 - 16: Wildlife-BONUS PAGE-must have min. of 2 pictures with labels
 - 17: Plant Life-3 pictures min. including labels of plants & trees
 - 18: National Flag-**HAND DRAWN BY STUDENT** & in color *include

National

Motto (optional)

- 19: Coat of Arms / Other Symbols-BONUS PAGE
- 20: National Anthem-title, author, 1 stanza with translation *student's handwriting*
- 21: Other Songs-BONUS PAGE-titles and authors of 3 other songs from country
- 22: Way of Life-People-picture of people of country and a 5 sent. Paragraph
discussing them
- 23: People Picture Page-BONUS PAGE-3 pictures with labels
- 24: Language-2 required sentences about the country's official language
*BONUS-list max. of 10 words or phrases in that lang. With
translation
- 25: Traditions-give information about customs, clothing, music, holidays, &
crafts. Include pictures on the back of this page.
- 26: BONUS PAGE-more information on customs-list of some traditional foods
- 27: Government-1/2 page, 12 sent., about present gov't of country
- 28: Leaders-1/2 page report on the national leader or leaders. *picture optional
- 29: Money-at least three pictures/drawings of some coins & bills from the
country-label
- 30: Religion-min. of 5 sentences describing main religion of country. A second
paragraph on other religions is optional.
- 31: Education-1/2 page report on schools & school children
- 32: Missions-Find out about a missionary from this country-past or present.
Tell about his/her work. Include picture if possible.
- 33: Sports-1/2 page report about a sport or sports played. Picture is required.
- 34: History-1/2 page report on country's history- summary of entire history
- 35: Timeline-Choose 5 important dates from the history & include a short
summary of each. (2-3 sentences min.)
- 36: Timeline-BONUS PAGE-5 dates with descriptions
- 37: Historical Persons-Write about the accomplishments of 2-3 historical
persons-1 picture is required
- 38: Historical Persons-BONUS PAGE-need 2 people with report and/or
pictures
- 39: Why You Should Visit-creative writing assignment persuading someone to

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over

visit your country-1/2 page

40: Summary-Key Facts-all must be filled in

41: Bibliography-name of book, magazine, etc... and author

Do this as you work through the notebook. List all websites, too.