

Task: You will conduct a preliminary investigation into a nation using social and economic indicators, and create a personalized **Google Earth** map which you will post on your **blog**.

I. Social and Economic Indicators:

- Through Internet research, you will gather a list of the most recent **key social and economic indicators** for your nation, which you will display on your personalized Google Earth map.
- As you research, **record your notes**. I recommend using MS Word to type and spell check your work as you go (don't forget to back up on your thumbdrive!).

You must include notes on the following information:

Nation (green)	People (red)		Economy (blue)
<input type="checkbox"/> Country name	<input type="checkbox"/> Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Literacy rates	<input type="checkbox"/> GDP per capita
<input type="checkbox"/> Type of government	<input type="checkbox"/> Age structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Fertility rates	<input type="checkbox"/> % Living under Poverty
<input type="checkbox"/> Political leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic group(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Life expectancy	<input type="checkbox"/> % of Internet Users
	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Infant mortality rates	<input type="checkbox"/> % of cell phone owners
	<input type="checkbox"/> Language(s)		

II. In the News:

- Find **two** recent articles about current events in your nation, from two different cities or towns. For each article, include a title, link to the article, picture (with URL), and a short caption to describe the event.

III. Culture:

- Choose at least **two** aspects of the culture of your nation to highlight. You may focus on famous figures, the Arts, history, archeology, sports, etc. For each topic, include a title, link to the source, picture (with URL), and a short caption to describe the importance this topic has on this nation.

IV. Google Earth Personalized Map:

- Locate your region on the Earth. Label it. (i.e Europe)
- Label all nations as well as oceans and seas that border your country.
- Locate your country on the Earth. Label it (i.e. Poland)
 - Within your country label, include all details you researched in Step I. Make sure you use the proper color codes to color coordinate your labels (in HTML).

V. Preliminary Observations and Inferences:

- **Embed your personalized Google Earth map.**
- **Write a carefully constructed paragraph that focuses on the following:** Describe the three areas of challenge the nation faces, given this set of indicators. Be sure to use the statistics you have found to support your inferences.

VI. Sources

- Cite sources properly on a works cited list using MLA format and linked web sites.

VII. Reflect on the process of the Nation Profile Project:

- What did you learn from this task?
- Did you find this difficult or easy? Why?
- What else would you like to learn about Nations around the world?
- Add anything else you are thinking about in relation to this project (optional).