

Research Paper Requirements

For your research paper requirement you are to complete a profile for a country of your choosing. The country profile should include the following information:

- * **A well-defined argument** concerning your state's political system
- * A description of the state including relevant historical background
- * A section on the stakes of politics (what is to be gained and lost)
- * A summary of public policy issues
- * A description and analysis of political culture
- * An analysis of political participation
- * A conclusion with some speculation about the future

Requirements:

- ✓ Five to seven pages -- Your paper must use at least 8 bibliographic sources to include **at least one of each of the following**: periodicals (magazines or journals); books (scholarly); primary documents; Internet sources (scholarly). Web resources must be from legitimate sources, if in doubt ask me first.
- ✓ Your essay should not be merely descriptive but also analytical, and include a **clearly stated thesis**. You need to underline your thesis.
- ✓ Your citations must be in APA format. APA is customary for social science papers. We will review this in class, but you can also find the information at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/> then click on "APA Guide" on the left side of the home page. On this site is information to help you find resources as well as cite them. Make sure that you are citing information accurately and ethically.
- ✓ Include in your paper at least two concepts (vocabulary words) covered in the course. Underline them in your paper to be sure you receive credit.
- ✓ Your paper should have a well-crafted thesis, a clearly presented, well-researched argument, and clear and concise writing.
- ✓ Grammar, spelling, punctuation, and reference style will all be taken into consideration as part of your grade.

How your research paper is graded.

Instructor Name: **Dr. Christopher Blake Lee**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	5	4	3	2	1
Quality of Sources/APA compliance	All sources are accurately documented and in the desired format.	Virtually all the sources are accurately documented, but a few are not in the desired format.	Most of the sources are accurately documented, but several are not in the desired format.	Very little usage of valid sources and nearly all are not in the desired format.	No valid sources, missing sources, or not enough sources.
Grammar Mechanics	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	A few grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Clearly not proofread or major grammatical errors.
Paragraph Construction	All paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence.	Most paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence.	Paragraphs included related information but were typically not constructed well.	Paragraph structure was not clear, or sentences were not typically related within the paragraphs.	No paragraph or sentence structure or sentences not related.
Organization	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs and subheadings.	Information is organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well constructed.	The information appears to be disorganized.	No organization.
Quality of Information and development of the thesis	Virtually all the information relates to and substantiates the development of the thesis.	Most of the information relates to the development of the thesis with just a few exceptions.	Some information relates to the development of the thesis, but there could be more consistency.	Information has very little to do with the development of the thesis.	Information has nothing to do with the development of the thesis.

Total Possible Points = 25 points

This research paper is worth 25% of your total grade.