

MGTU 400 Assignment 2 Handout and Rubric

Individual Assignment 2: Country of Choice Current Economic Situation

Length: 3-4 pages, double-spaced (Times Roman 12 font with standard 1" margins). Must use APA. Sample APA paper and How to Write a Short Paper found in Course Information.

Due: Midnight Monday Week 3

Post: Week 2 Assignments folder

Introduction: This paper gives you an opportunity to evaluate your country you have chosen in Week 1. Please continue to analyze your country of choice add more "meat" to the discussion about your country of choice. Please consider your country of choice, challenges, and political, social, cultural and agricultural challenges? Analyze the long-term economic position and strategy as well as obstacles. Think about how your country of choice affects the world economy, how and why.

You will post in the Week 1 Discussion Thread requesting your country of choice. If two students request the same country, the assignment will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. The instructor will assign the alternative country in this situation. The students will immerse themselves in textbooks, online research, newspapers and periodicals, etc. focused on economics and business. A minimum of three academic resources should be used in the text – published books or academic journal articles. It is helpful to also "experience" the culture beyond the numbers and facts - more about the impact of economic issues on the humanity of the country. The following are some of the countries that will be considered for "adoption" by class participants. This list is subject to change.

- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Canada
- China
- Columbia
- Denmark
- England
- Estonia
- France

- Germany
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Hungary
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Poland
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sudan
- Thailand
- The Philippines
- Vietnam

See Rubric at the bottom of this document on a separate page.

First, take the initial findings from week one and add more “meat” to the discussion. Your paper can answer the following questions:

- What are the country’s biggest challenges?
- What factors impacted the country’s economic development the most? Political? Social? Cultural? Agricultural?
- What is your country’s economic vision long-term? Does it have one? If not, why not?
- Determine if this country is positioned to sustain economic growth over the next five years.
- What economic challenges will the country likely face during the next five years in attempting to accomplish its long-term strategy?
- What are the root causes of the current economic situation?
- What are the main obstacles standing in the way of the country’s achieving its long-term strategy?

Use at least three references from your text, the videos, relevant websites, Wall Street Journal, etc. Be sure you have an introduction, an analysis and a

conclusion. The following describes how this paper will be graded. The questions and comments below are designed for you to read and consider before turning in your work.

Introduction

Does the introduction explain what the paper is about? Does it give a quick overview of the purpose of the paper, and what you are attempting to share in your findings?

Analysis

Does the paper have three to five main points that are supported by references in the text with page numbers of analyzing the answers to the questions above?

Do the analyses connect to your introduction and conclusion and the “heart of your hypothesis?”

Conclusion Is the conclusion a clear and concise recap of the analysis?

The conclusion cannot bring in any new ideas!

Does the conclusion tie into the first two or three sentences in thought?

Process, Punctuation and Grammar

Are all of the words spelled correctly?

Are the correct words used?

Is the wording smooth to read?

Is proper grammar used?

Does the paper follow APA Guidelines?

Is the paper interesting?

Evaluative Criteria for Country of Choice				
<i>Paper Elements</i>	Exemplary 50	Proficient 40	Developing 30	Emerging 20
Introduction & Purpose	12 Clearly describes the shifts. Clearly and concisely identifies what the rest of the paper will contain. The importance and value of the shifts are evident.	10 Describes the shifts. Clearly identifies what the rest of the paper will contain. The importance and value of the shifts are evident.	7 Somewhat describes the shifts. Identifies what the rest of the paper will contain. The importance and value of the shifts are somewhat evident.	5 Does not describe the shifts. Does not clearly and concisely identify what the rest of the paper will contain. The importance and value of the shifts are not evident.
Analysis	14 Clearly and concisely defines key terms and effectively integrates the text book and 3 or more scholarly sources to comprehensively answer questions. Examines appropriate theories.	10 Fairly clearly defines key terms and fairly effectively integrates the text book and 2 or more mostly scholarly sources to answer research questions. Examines most appropriate theories.	9 Somewhat clearly defines key terms and somewhat effectively uses text book and 1 other source to answer research questions; some sources may not be scholarly. Some examination of theories.	5 Limited or confusing definition of key terms; may not integrate sources to answer research questions. Does not cite the text book.
Conclusions	12 Objectively analyzes and synthesizes research to draw valid conclusions supported by findings.	10 Fairly objectively analyzes and synthesizes research to draw valid conclusions supported by findings.	7 Somewhat analyzes and synthesizes research. Conclusions may be general and/or have only come support in the findings.	5 Limited if any analysis and synthesis of research. Limited if any conclusions drawn based on the findings.
Writing Mechanics	12 The paper is logical and well-written; spelling, grammar and punctuation are	10 The paper is logical and well-written but with minor errors in APA spelling	7 The paper is somewhat logical and well-written; some errors in APA spelling	5 The paper lacks clarity and may be confusing with numerous errors in APA spelling

	accurate. Paper uses APA and is the required length of 3 - 4 pages of content. The paper uses the headings as listed above and shows sources to support each of the main points.	grammar and/or punctuation. The paper may be 10% longer or shorter than the required length. The paper uses the headings as listed above and shows literature to support each of the main points.	grammar and/or punctuation. The paper may be 15% too long or short, and may not include all headings and may not show support for all areas.	grammar and/or punctuation. The paper may be 20% too long or short, and does not include headings or does not show support for all of the areas.
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