

ASSIGNMENT 1

1. Buy a standard (2"?) three-ring binder to hold your notes and drafts of your regional geography. Also buy a package of the page dividers. The contents of the binder will be an important diagnostic tool and I will check it periodically during the quarter. Always bring it to class and section..
2. Search archival records for information about your country. As a starting point use an on-campus computer to access the Encyclopedia Britannica. The general web address is <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/epubs/books-frames.html> but you have to look under the letter "E" for encyclopedia. Use the search engine to access the article on your country and take note of the recommended citation.

For the next steps do the following:

- Use PEGASUS (or MELVYL) to search the UCSB library holdings for any information about your country. In addition to searching for books also check newspapers and magazines. Papers such as the *Christian Science News Monitor* usually have excellent coverage of world events. Also check *The Economist* magazine.
 - Go to the Alexandria Digital Library at www.alexandria.ucsb.edu/adl.html and follow the link for spatial data on the web. At a minimum, click on the appropriate continent and then country to access and download the CIA map. Also peruse other material that may be available for your country.
 - Follow the links from the G143 web page to access the Population Reference Bureau, the Rand Corporation, and other sites to search for reports on your country.
3. Compile your preliminary set of reference material and create an annotated bibliography. An annotated bibliography consist of: (a) a complete citation for each source, and (b) three or four sentences describing the nature of the source. This will serve as your working bibliography but you should continue to add to it as the research progresses.
 4. Read, take notes, and brainstorm. Draft 3-5 pages of general background information about your country. Be careful not to plagiarize. Your writing should focus on the general history of the country, its physical geography, and the cultural history of its population. Try to incorporate maps or other interesting material you may have found. Also note any recent history or current events which you think may be important in the context of population, development, and environment.