

Library Research Day 1

First, a word about today:

Today you will have the entire class time to devote to your Country Research Project. Please read through these directions completely before you start your research today. You have much to do, please don't waste your time today doing other things of less value. This is your chance to begin strong and get ahead. For some of you (African countries) this is a serious matter of completion by the first deadline. Please **DO NOT** procrastinate on this project. You cannot produce a quality piece of research for this project in the last few days; it will show and you will be graded accordingly.

The full Country Research Project assignment can be found in the "special projects" link off of the main Goughland web page.

Today's agenda

1. Read through all of the steps for today's research. You may choose to print this page and use it as a guide for your work today.
2. You will need your notebook, or at least some notepaper, on which to begin your project. You will also need something to write with. Get those out now.
3. There are limited resources for your use today. Many of the countries begin with similar letters of the alphabet, which means that some of the books you may want to look at will be temporarily unavailable, because someone else is using them. Please be patient. Find a different source and come back to the "busy" source when the student using the material is done. Please share, don't be rude, and don't hog the resources.
4. Begin by **locating the printed reference materials in our library** that identify your region and country. Typically, the resources you will be looking for can be found, by subject, in the Athena database. Our librarians have already done some of this work for you, placing many of these books on a cart for us. Please ask the librarians directly if you have any questions about where to find resources. Make sure you are writing down everything you use, for your bibliography (and make sure you get *all the MLA bibliographic information* required from your sources).
5. Second, **fill out the "Library Research 1 Worksheet."** This is a guide that you should use to find the information that you will put into your notebook. Please copy down the question as well as your answer. Leave extra room to add further information you will find later.
6. Last, in the Goughland discussion forum, post a new topic in your class discussion area under the title "Library Research 1" and answer the question below. **ALSO**, respond **constructively** to two of your classmate's posts.

Discussion Question: The most interesting thing I learned about my country today is _____. Please also tell us why.

Your two **constructive** responses to your classmates' posts need to have thoughtful connections to your own research today in order to get full credit.