AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING

Many African countries seek economic aid from global organizations and stronger, wealthier nations in order to strengthen their own economy or solve immediate crisis situations. These requests are often done formally at summit meetings. Our class will hold such a formal meeting after we’ve finished researching individual national and international problems specific African countries are facing.

The purpose of the summit is to request aid for your chosen country in Africa. Aid can be obtained in many ways: Please refer to your list of Key Terms of Economic Development. When requesting aid at the summit, please be specific in three ways:

1. What type or types of aid are you requesting?
2. How will you use this aid and for what problems?
3. What will you do in return for this aid or why will this benefit the US/international community?

Your research should include:

1. Fact Sheet of important data on your country
2. An analysis of your country’s economic and political situation/stability
3. International relationships: (boundary disputes, shared issues)
4. National issues (immediate problems or crisis situations, ongoing problems, civil wars, disease, instability, poverty, hunger, etc.)
5. History of your country (colonial impact, development of problems)
6. Geographical features that affect your country. (Think human and physical geography) Culture, language, literacy rate, water access, desertification, land use etc)

Your grade will be based upon the following:

1. Oral presentation

* Quality of information (10) \_\_\_\_\_/25
* Organization (5)
* Persuasiveness (5)
* Realistic solutions (5)

1. Symbol of your country/Professionalism \_\_\_\_\_/15

Total:\_\_\_\_\_/40

Remember, this is like a competition and you are trying to persuade the UN, or a country like the U.S. to support you in your development. Good Luck!

*African Summit Debriefing Paper*

*Your paper should address each of the following:*

1. Please describe your country using the 5 themes of geography. (Location, Place, Movement, Human-Environment Interaction, Region)
2. Summarize the problems facing your nation and analyze your probable solutions.
3. Why do African countries have such a difficult time controlling and preventing disease? Why is it so common and widespread?
4. What problems do many African countries share?
5. What is the most important thing you’ve learned about Africa from participating in the summit?
6. What have you learned about international relations from participating in the summit?
7. How successful do you think your country was in obtaining aid from the UN or US in our summit meeting? What could you have done differently and what did you do well?
8. Do you think a summit meeting is a good way to address multinational problems or would one on one negotiations have been better?

*A paper from each individual student is required.*

*Summit Meeting on Thursday November 9, 2017*

*Paper (This Unit’s Test) Due on Monday November 13, 2017.*

*Debriefing paper (This should be completed after summit) \_\_\_\_\_/25*