Objective: Apply concepts and topics from AP Human Geography to a chosen country using current events.

A) Acquire a binder/notebook. Create an attractive cover for the notebook. The first section in your notebook should be designated “[Country Name] Portfolio.” Throughout the course of the year you will be our resident EXPERT on this country (See Mrs. Haney for country) and its region of the world.

B) The first items in your Country Portfolio should be a brief typed profile (in bulleted format) of your country using information from the CIA World Factbook. You should include official name, capital, languages, population, region of the world, and any other facts (at least 10) you deem important. Include a map and a flag of your country, too.

C) You will locate and read news articles pertaining to your country that demonstrate the IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHY to your country’s development and situation.

Topics must include one article for each of the following 12 topics:

- Environmental/natural resource issue
- Globalization
- Agriculture/food
- Economic development
- Population issues
- Migration
- Ethnic/racial/gender issue
- Political issues within your country or with another country
- Urbanization
- Language
- Religion
- Folk and/or pop culture

A few suggestions for sources would be NY Times, The Economist, Washington Post, plus direct news sources from your country, etc. Print media may include the Richmond Times-Dispatch, various news magazines, etc. You may even hear a story on the radio (such as NPR) or TV that can be accessed on their website for reading/listening later and for your portfolio. Also, use your textbook to find relevant vocabulary or other information that might help you understand the events happening in your country.

**Required:** For each article, type a 5-7 sentence paragraph summarizing the content and explaining how it illustrates the importance of the geographic topic covered in each article about your country. Your articles must be from this year (2016); try to find articles from throughout the year, rather than everything from the last few weeks (or days) of summer. Put the articles and summaries in
chronological order in your notebook. Be sure to identify which topic your article is covering. It isn’t necessary to print a copy of the article, but you must identify the title and date for each summary and also properly cite your sources on the works cited page.

**Grading:** This will count as a major assessment grade.

- Country information profile, map, flag (preferably color) 15 points
- Articles and summaries 5 points each (60 total)
- MLA works cited page 10 points
- Cover, neatness, etc. 15 points

**This assignment is due Monday September 11th, 2017 at the beginning of 5th block. All work must be printed and compiled prior to class. Assignments turned in late will lose ten points per day they are turned in late.**