

Country Project - PowerPoint Presentation Guidelines



Create a detailed and thorough PowerPoint presentation about a country of your choice. Your task is to educate your audience about the country - assume they know little to nothing about it. Your PowerPoint presentation must be well-organized, well-presented and well-researched. This project will take time, effort and focus.

You need to include at least one slide on each of the following categories and facts relating to your country:

History of the Country Name

- When the country was established with its current name
- Names that the country has had in the past (ie. Sri Lanka was called Ceylon until 1972)
- Why was that name chosen?

Physical Geography & Features

- Maps of Country (You need to have at least two maps – one of your country's relative location)
- Size of the country in square km
- Climate
- Capital city
- Largest city
- Longest river
- Highest mountain
- Natural Resources



Government

- Flag & flag description
- National Symbols
- National Anthem
- Currency - What kind of money do they use? Did they recently use a different currency (especially in Europe)?
- Title of the head(s) of government (ie. Prime Minister, President, etc.)
- Name of current head of government (ie. Enda Kenny)
- Independence - when? (if applicable)

The Economy

- Main Products/Exports/Imports

Official Language(s)

- Examples of how to say "Hello" in each language

Population & People

- Ethnic groups
- Religions

Culture

- Examples of food, architecture, sports, music, fashion, etc
- Things that are unique to your chosen country

Demonym

- (ie. **If you are from Canada, you are Canadian** <--> you may use that sentence format)

Famous People from the Country (from any time in history)

- What did they do that is important or memorable? Give some details.

Flora (plants) and Fauna (wildlife) that are unique to your Country

- (ie. kangaroos and eucalyptus trees in Australia)

Interesting Facts

- Research your country and find at least 5 interesting facts about it

Possible Audio Samples

- **National anthem** (in Network folder) - make sure you copy the mp3 version or the file will not play in PowerPoint
- Examples of **words and phrases** in language(s) spoken in that country (ie. how to say "hello")
- **Sounds of animals** that are unique to the country

General Criteria

A well-made and well-organised slideshow requires the following elements:

- A **main title slide** at the front of the slideshow
- **Have titles for each slide.**
- **Each idea in each slide** should have at least a sentence description and a picture (which can be taken from the Internet).
- You **MUST** avoid "Walls of Text" - present info in small chunks and animate them to appear in logical sequence
- **Must be well-edited for spelling, caps, punctuation.**
- Don't do only the most basic job! **Make it special** - see what the PowerPoint can do!
- A word of caution on PowerPoint Presentations: **Do not overuse** colours, fonts, themes, effects or any of the other "bells and whistles" available in PowerPoint. Do not use the sounds available within PowerPoint!
- **Use approximately 7-12 slides** (a section may have more than one slide). You may use more than 12 slides.
- You should **use a balance** of text and images - remember PowerPoint presentations are image driven!
- You need to have **at least 5 photos** in your presentation.