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Ten Things Your Classmates Should Know About Your Chosen Country

# Purpose: This is why you are doing this project

1. This assignment will help you personalize this class for yourself and provide a future reference tool.
2. This assignment will also provide your colleagues with useful information about your chosen country.
3. Each team will post on the Assignment #1 Discussion Board with the following heading: *Your Country* - Ten Things.

As a recently hired university graduate at your Los Angeles based hospitality organization, you have just been asked to join a research team. Each research team has at least three members and no more than five members. The executives at your organization are collecting preliminary information on the expansion into international markets and the possible offering of additional bonds and stocks. Your mentor explains to you that this is a good way to get to know your fellow recent graduates, to use your academic skills, and to learn more about the competitive marketplace.

# Process: This is the approach you will take to complete this assignment

Your mentor suggests that you start by creating a chart that will quickly provide the answers to many of the 10 questions. She provides you with **sample** information regarding the United States and strongly encourages you to use the following format:

| **Snapshot Summary of Information on the United States** | | | | |
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| *Question #/Topic* | *Topic (4 pts. per line)* | *Rank/Size/Other – (4 pts. line)* | *Source – (1 point each line) Please make sure you include the links for your country’s information* |
| 1. Geographical area *(Emma)* | 377,915 km | Slightly smaller than California & composed of four main islands and 6,848 smaller islands and islets. Japan annually records the most earthquakes in the world. | [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html) - This is the web site for the CIA World Factbook. Click on “Geography” |
| 2. Population *(Emma)* | 126,168,156 (July 2018 estimate) | 10th by population in the world & more than three times the number of California’s population. | [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html) Click on “People and Society”  ***Population density******figures per square mile****:* [List of countries and dependencies by population density](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_territories_by_population_density)  Density (pop./km2) - 334  Density (pop./mi2) – 865 (January 1, 2019) |
| 3. GDP *(Emma)* | $42,900  Per Capita (2017 estimate) | $5.443 trillion  Purchasing Power Parity (2017 estimate) | [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html) Click on “Economy” |
| 4. Tourism Spending *(Emma)* | $41.5 Billion (Foreign tourists in Japan in 2018) | **Japan** is home to more than a dozen UNESCO World Heritage sites. | [United Nations World Tourism Organization](http://www.unwto.org/index.php)  [Visiting Japan](https://www.japan.go.jp/japan/visit/) - Government web site [The Japan Times](https://www.japantimes.co.jp/)  [JNTO](https://www.japan.travel/en/) – Japan Travel  [Wikipedia Tourism in Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan#Tourism) |

| **Snapshot Summary of Information on the United States continued** | | | |
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| *Question #/Topic* | *Topic* | *Rank/Size/Other* | *Source* |
| 5. Languages *(Gigi)* | Primary – Japanese | More than 99 percent of the population speaks Japanese as their first language. | [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html) Click on “People and Society” ***Include a link to a language site that provides an audio sample of the primary language used in your chosen country* for example:** [1 Language Audio Course](https://www.101languages.net/japanese/japanese-vocabulary-lessons/) |
| 6. Ease of doing business *(Gigi)* | Ranked 39th out of 190 countries in 2018 | Paying Taxes ranked 97th out of 190 countries in 2018 | [The World Bank Group Doing Business Rankings](http://www.doingbusiness.org/en/data/exploreeconomies/japan) |
| 7. Index of Economic Freedom *(Gigi)* | Economic Category -  Mostly Free | Ranked 30 out of 180 countries | [The Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom](https://www.heritage.org/index/country/japan) |
| 8. Currency *(Mike)* | Japanese Yen | 1 Japanese Yen equals  0.0091 United States Dollar as of 2/11/19 | For one US dollar Approximately 120 Yen, you can buy a 12 oz. Coca Cola.  [Japanese Yen converter to US Dollar](https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=56&From=JPY&To=USD) |
| 9. Major Stock Exchange *(Mike)* | Tokyo Stock Exchange (TYO), 492 Trillion Yen Market Cap (2018) | 2,292 companies traded (2/11/19) | [Tokyo Stock Exchange](https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/)  <http://www2.tse.or.jp/tseHpFront/JJK020020Action.do> |
| 10. Cities *(Mike)* | Capital – Tokyo,  Population of 8.9 million (2018) | Three Largest Cities, Tokyo 8.9 million. Yokohama 3.6 Million, Osaka 2.6 Million | [Japanese Population by City](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/10-biggest-cities-in-japan.html)  [**Japanese Tradition and Culture**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pgCPJSiKoo) |

* Please post the completed Team Assignment #1 on the Assignment #1 Discussion Board Ten Things in class on Monday, February 11, 2019. You will also need to submit a hard copy in class.

# Evaluation: This is how the assignment will be graded

1. (1 point) Was there a **cover page? Did it include:**
   1. List of the full names of the team members in alphabetical order by last name,
   2. The name of your chosen country, and,
   3. The course/section number and due date?
2. (80 points) Did the chart include an answer to **each** of the 10 questions?
3. (10 points) Was a reference web site included for **each** one of the ten questions?
4. (3 points) Were there any typographical errors?
5. (6 points) Was a well written summary paragraph included that answered the following questions:
   1. Did you provide one example of a fact that surprised you most? (2 points)
   2. Did you provide one example of what else you would like to learn about your chosen country? (2 points)
   3. What city in your chosen country would you like to visit? (2 points)

Team Planning Chart   
  
– This Team Planning Chart is worth 1 point of your total score. (Please type the information into the Team Planning Chart.

| **First Name** | **Task Assigned 1- 10 Plus Summary Paragraph & Final Copy** | **Date Draft submitted to other team members** | **Time invested in review and revisions by team member** | **Completion Date/  Who Completed it** |
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| Emma | 1-4  Through the GDP value, I was reminded once again that Japan is one of the most powerful nation in Asia. I would also like to learn more about the life in Japan, its environment and the standard of living. I would like to visit Tokyo because it is a capital city in Japan and the most popular travel city in Japan. Even though I visited Japan twice so far, I have never been to Tokyo, | Feb 6 | 2 hours | Feb 7 |
| Gigi | 5-7  I found it interesting that Japan’s ranking in the business is lower than I expected. I have always known Japan as one of the most powerful country in the world with advanced technology, I expected the ranking will be much higher, at least in the top 15 countries. I would like to learn more about the working culture and environment in Japan. I believe their business culture is very different from the United States. I would love to visit Himeji if I have a chance. Himeji is a very impressive place with a lot of traditional gardens, temples, and shrines. | Feb 8 | 2 hours | Feb 9 |
| Mike | 8-10  I discovered in my research on Japanese currency that the Yen is one of the most well performing currencies in the world. Compared to the dollar which lost value in 2018 the Yen is performing well. This is attributed to Japan’s strong economy. I was surprised to learn they had the third strongest economy in the world. Going into this assignment I didn’t know anything about the Tokyo Stock Exchange but was pleasantly surprised when researching. It has a market cap of 492 Trillion Yen and is the 4th largest exchange in the world. Finally population was the last piece of information I researched. I knew Japan especially Tokyo had a booming population but I didn’t know that if you count the Tokyo Metropolitan area it has upwards of 36 million people which is 25% of all Japan’s population. | Feb 10 | 2.5 Hours | Feb 10 |
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