

# Northwest Region

## Colorado Model United Nations

### CO-MUN RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS

#### CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON A SELECTED NATION STUDENT RESEARCH QUESTIONS / CREATING RESEARCH CARDS

**Directions:** Divide your group into teams or individuals to conduct the research indicated below. Create a separate research card for each question. Write the question at the top of the research card and the answer or research below. This method will keep you organized and will allow you to shuffle your questions as you begin to include research in your RESOLUTION. This method will also allow you to share research cards and allow others to further research topics that may need additional or in depth research. In addition to the questions indicated below you can add questions of your own or your Colorado Model UN advisor may add questions for research. When you find research information that may lead to the preparation of a unique resolution or you feel others MUST read immediately, highlight it with a marker or mark it with a star. On the back of each research card include the following:

- Researcher's name
- Date research was conducted
- Materials used to determine the answer(s) to the research question

#### Section 1 Geographic DATA

1. On which continent is your nation located?
2. Which nations share a border with your nation?
3. What other nations are located nearby?
4. What is the land type?
5. List land features of your nation, such as mountains, rivers, deserts, etc.
6. Describe the climate of your nation.
7. How much rainfall does your nation receive annually?
8. Do any of the geographic features of your nation cause problems or create situations of great concern?

9. Describe any unique geographic features of your nation.
10. Do any geographic features divide the people of your nation, ethnically or culturally?

Section 2 Historical DATA
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1. What is the approximate age of your nation? When was it established?
2. List several important historical aspects regarding the growth of your nation.
3. Have any historical consequences caused present day problems in your nation? Explain.
4. What are some outstanding historical events that affected your nation?
5. Does your nation share a common bond in history with any other nations? Explain.
6. What other IMPORTANT historical information is vital to know in understanding your nation today?
7. List historical figures or leaders from who played a role in the development of your nation.

Section 3 Political DATA
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1. What governmental system does your nation currently use?
2. Has this current government system been used throughout your nation's history? Explain?
3. Where does the power of decision-making at the national (top level) in your nation exist?
4. What type of judicial system (if any) does your nation use?
5. What role do citizens of your nation play in the governmental system?
6. How does your nation relate to other nations on a political basis? What nations are friends or partners?
7. Is your nation currently going through any types of political changes?
8. Who are the KEY decision-makers or leaders of your nation?

9. Do any of the political aspects of your nation cause problems internally or externally?
10. List political figures or leaders from your nation's past and present.

Section 4 Social DATA
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1. What religion is predominate in your nation?
2. Do other types of religions exist in your nation?
3. What role does religion play in the lives of the citizens of your nation?
4. Does your nation have problems internally or externally that relate to religion?
5. What is the education level of your nation's citizens?
6. What is the literacy rate in your nation?
7. How are schools funded or organized in your nation?
8. What is the level of higher education (college level) in your nation?
9. Is education a priority in your nation?
10. Are there problems internally regarding education in your nation?
11. What are some of the unique cultural aspects of your nation?
12. Are there any cultural aspects that create internal problems in your nation?
13. How does your nation relate to neighboring nations?
14. List unique cultural aspects of your nation.

Section 5 Economic DATA
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1. Describe the economy of your nation.
2. How does your nation rank economically in your part of the world and in the world overall?
3. Is your nation a developed nation, a developing nation or an underdeveloped nation?

4. What currency is used in your nation?
5. What are some of your nation's most important imports?
6. What are some of your nation's most important exports?
7. What is the poverty rate of your nation?
8. Are there one or more aspects of the economy of your nation that causes internal or external problems?
9. How do other nations have an impact on the economy of your nation?
10. Is your nation dependent on any other nation or nations for economic survival?

TOP NOTCH RESEARCH SITES:

United Nations Official Web Site: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

World Fact Book: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Global Issues: [www.globalissues.org](http://www.globalissues.org)

World Maps: [www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/)

Cyber School Bus: <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org>

These sites are linked at [www.nwboces.org](http://www.nwboces.org) Go to Programs then Colorado Model UN then to "Student INFO" in order to access the links directly.