

# Western Hemisphere Country Research Report

You need to write a five paragraph essay about your western hemisphere country. You will need to choose **three** of the following topics for your three middle topic paragraphs.

- Land/physical features/climate
- Education
- Natural Resources/Agriculture
- Government
- The people/culture
- Economy
- History
- Challenges facing this country

See the back of this paper on how to set up your essay. You may type or write neatly on lined paper (double space). At the bottom of the page is the rubric for how you will be graded.

Country name: \_\_\_\_\_

This essay is due: \_\_\_\_\_

## Country Research Report Rubric:

	4 Excellent	3 Good	2 Satisfactory	1 Needs Improvement
<b>Amount of Information</b>	All three topics are addressed with <b><u>at least 5 sentences</u></b> about each.	All topics are addressed with at least 4 sentences about each.	All topics are addressed with at least 3 sentences about each.	One or more topics were not addressed.
<b>Quality of Information</b>	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. No details and/or examples are given.	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.
<b>Organization</b>	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs and topic sentences.	Information is organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Information is organized but paragraphs are not well-constructed.	The information appears to be disorganized.
<b>Mechanics</b>	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	A few grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.

**Total Score:**

**Overall Comments:**

## ROUGH DRAFT/BRAIN STORMING:

### Introduction:

Write down interesting facts here that will help draw your reader in. It should be at least **4 sentences**. *\*Include a sentence for each of your three main topics.*

### Topic Paragraph #1:

Write down information about your first topic. This paragraph should be **at least 5 sentences** long.

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

### Topic Paragraph #2:

Write down information about your second topic. This paragraph should be **at least 5 sentences** long.

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

### Topic Paragraph #3:

Write down information about your third topic. This paragraph should be **at least 5 sentences** long.

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion:

The last paragraph restates what your paper is about again. It sums up your ideas nicely and might even restate them. It is **at least 3 sentences** long.