

## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

### **GENERAL**

- How long has the country been an independent nation (its own country)?
- What is the current system of government?
- Who is the current leader?
- What is the capital of the country?
- What city has the largest population (may be the same as the capital)?

### **Theme of Geography #1: LOCATION**

#### **RELATIVE LOCATION**

- What is the relative location of the country? Give at least three descriptions of where the country exists in relationship to other countries, geographical features (such as oceans), or significant landmarks.

#### **ABSOLUTE LOCATION**

- What is the latitude and longitude of the capital city?
- If the country is large, identify the latitude and longitude of another major city?

### **Theme of Geography #2: MOVEMENT**

#### **PEOPLE**

- What is the current population of the country?
- What was the population 5 years ago? 20 years ago?
- What is the current immigration rate? From where are these immigrants coming from?
- What is the current emigration rate? To where are these emigrants going?
- Are there refugees living in this country? If so, from where?
- Do refugees from this country live in other countries? If so, why have they left and what are some of the places in which they currently live?
- What are the major forms of transportation in this country (in both rural and urban areas)?

#### **PRODUCTS**

- What products are manufactured in the country?
- What are the main agricultural products?
- What are the primary natural resources?

#### **INFORMATION**

- What are the major ways people in this country get their information?
- What percent of the population have internet access?
- What percent of the population have phones (either landlines or mobile)?
- How many major daily newspapers exist and what are they called?
- What kind of TV news and/or radio stations exist?

- What kind of public education exists for children?
- Are there any major universities? If so, what are they called and how many students do they enroll?

### **Theme of Geography #3: REGION**

#### **PHYSICAL**

- What are the major geographical provinces of this country?

#### **POLITICAL**

- How is the country divided into political regions such as cities, states or something similar? Describe.

#### **CULTURAL**

- What languages are spoken in this country?
- What ethnic or religious groups make up the country's population?
- What are some of the major jobs or employers in this country? Are certain jobs concentrated in certain areas of the country? Describe.
- Are there any major sports teams?
- Is the country well-known for any type of art, food, or music? If so, what kind?

### **Theme of Geography #4: PLACE**

#### **PHYSICAL**

- What are some of the remarkable natural features of the country?

#### **HUMAN**

- What are some of the remarkable "human-made" structure in the country?

### **Theme of Geography #5: HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION**

- What are some of the current environmental concerns of this country?
- In the past, has the country identified and responded to any environmental concerns? If so, what were the responses and how effective have they been?

**PLEASE NOTE: You may not find answers to all of the questions listed above. It is important to investigate several sources before determining the information is not available. If information is sorely lacking, it may be necessary to design your own question (or questions) to demonstrate your understanding of a particular theme. Be sure to consult with Ms. C-R if this is the case so that you can focus on data that is relevant to the theme in question.**

**If you have extra time, you may also choose to design your own questions and answer them as a way to enhance your research and understanding of a theme.**