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**International Exploration: Independent Project: Travel Journal and Scrapbook**

For your next international exploration project, you will have the opportunity to visit your country! Okay, sort of. Still, I advise you to bring sunscreen. Sunburns are not fun, no matter where you get them! Anyway, you will go “backpacking” through your country and explore its many sights. You’ll get to eat the food, check out a museum, chat with the locals, see landmarks, get your pockets picked by a local thief, contract a rare disease after drinking the water from a stream, get into a fight with a cab driver (even though neither of you speak the same language), and even lose your luggage after it was mistakenly sent to Abu Dhabi! Luckily, this trip will only take place in your imagination…except the luggage part. Sorry!

While you are “on the road,” you will keep a travel journal and scrapbook. You will spend FIVE days in your country, and for each day, you will write a journal entry that describes your experiences. In addition, for each day, you will create a scrapbook page that helps to bring your adventures to life!

Requirements:

1. You must have FIVE TYPED journal entries and FIVE scrapbook entries (one for each day)
2. Each journal entry should be about a half-page to a page in length (single-spaced).
3. Each scrapbook entry should include at least THREE items.
4. **You must have a decorative cover for the journal that includes the name of the country you’re visiting, your name, and an appropriate illustration.**

Travel Requirements:

1. You must have **one day** where you visit **somewhere** dedicated to something literary. This could be a visit the museum dedicated to a famous author or poet; a performance of a play by a famous playwright; or anything else that connects to literature in some fashion.
2. You must visit your country’s capital city at some point.
3. You must, **at some point,** travel to the following:
   * a **natural** landmark or park
   * a museum
   * a historic site
   * a restaurant
   * a shopping plaza/market/store

Tips for Journal Entries:

* Some subjects about which you can write include:
  + The names of the places you visited
  + Descriptions of the sites you visited and why you wanted to visit them
  + Where you ate (find a local restaurant you want to try) and what you ate (a local dish). How was it?
  + Interaction with the local people
  + Observation about the clothing that people wear
  + A show you attended, or what you did for entertainment
  + A misadventure. Did you get lost? Did you misunderstand something and end up on the wrong subway or bus?
  + Where did you sleep?
  + How did you travel?
  + Something that surprised you
  + The best part of your day
* Be creative! This is your adventure! Make it adventurous!
* “Write” from a fixed point in time (I recommend “writing” at the end of each day). This journal should be in the past-tense, not the present-test.

Tips for Scrapbook Entries:

* Some of the items you can include on this page are:
  + Photographs
  + Ticket stubs
  + Menus
  + Maps
  + Candy bar wrappers
  + Postcards
  + Handwritten notes
  + Part of a brochure from a site you visited
  + Something else you think of, but I did not
* You may arrange these items however you’d like
* **You MUST label each image.**
* Be creative! Using three pictures from the internet is boring. You can use pictures from the internet, but the more you use, the less creative the page becomes.
* Remember: this is not a travel brochure. Your items should be **personal in appearance**, and not feel like “stock photos.”

### Rubric

Failing Poor Flawed Good Nearly Perfect

Attractiveness and 1 2 3 4 5

Organization

Quality of Cover 1 2 3 4 5

Travels Requirement

Met 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Accuracy and Depth of

Information/Research 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Quality of Journal Entries 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Quality of Scrapbook 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Pictures/Images

Creativity 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Grammar, Punctuation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

and Syntax

Grade: /85 🡪 /170