**English 10 Name:  
Mr. Fisher**

**International Exploration: A Year-Long Collection of Independent Projects**

Last week, I was thinking about poor Kiribati, a young island nation in the South Pacific. Do you know anything about Kiribati? Fine, Paper, don’t answer me. Anyway, few people do know about Kiribati, but it will not be around for long. As the ocean rises due to Global Warming, Kiribati will be one of the first nations to disappear from the map. They are already developing evacuation plans! Kiribati is just one of many interesting countries around the world. This year, you (no, not you, Paper. I mean the students!) will focus on a single country of your choice. The goal is for you to understand that country on a deeper level than you have been accustomed to in high school. In order to best know and appreciate the country, you will have the opportunity to learn about the country’s literature, history, culture, government, arts, language, geography, music and religion. Sounds exciting, huh? Here’s the plan:

**Term One**

* Draft one country from the accompanying list.
* Complete a travel journal and scrapbook about your country.

**Term Two**

* Select one novel (or play) from your country to read as your independent reading book. **You must get the novel (or play) approved by Mr. Fisher.** Write a paper on the independent reading book. The novel or play you select must be challenging, widely respected, and praised. It should also be a work of fiction.

**Term Three**

* Write a research paper on an artist who used his or her work as a means of protest. Much more on this later.

**Term Four**

* Watch a movie from your country. Then, write a movie review based on what you saw.

Countries:

Algeria

Angola

Argentina\*

Australia\*

Austria\*

Barbados/Trinidad and Tobago/St. Lucia/St. Kitts and Nevis/Grenada/St. Vincent and the Grenadines/Antigua and Barbuda/Dominica/Bahamas

Brazil\*

Chile

China\*

Colombia

Cuba

Czech Republic/Czechia/Czechoslovakia/Slovakia

Denmark\*

Dominican Republic

Egypt

France\*

Germany\*

Ghana

Greece

Haiti

Hungary

India\*

Indonesia

Iran\*

Ireland\*

Israel/Palestine\*

Italy

Jamaica\*

Japan\*

Kenya

Korea (North and South)

Mexico\*

Morocco

Netherlands\*

Nigeria\*

Norway

Philippines

Poland

Portugal

Romania

Russia\*

South Africa\*

Spain\*

Sudan

Sweden\*

Switzerland

Thailand

Turkey

Uganda

United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)\*

Venezuela

Vietnam

Yugoslavia (Serbia/Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo/Macedonia/Montenegro/Slovenia)