

THE **ABC'S** OF LATIN AMERICA USING THE THEME OF PLACE

Final Project Guidelines and Instructions

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Now that we have completed our study of Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean and South America (otherwise known as Latin America), you will be creating an ABC book about one country in this region of the Western Hemisphere. **Your job will be to demonstrate your understanding of the country using the theme of PLACE and a little creativity!**

There obviously will be a research piece involved, which we will be completing in class. I will be assigning you a country, and you will take it from there. ***You do have an option – you can either work with a partner or you can work alone. Whatever choice you make, you must stick with it. If you choose to work with a partner, choose wisely! Your grades will be attached to one another.***

Your country is: _____

BOOK REQUIREMENTS:

- Your completed book will be 28 pages in length, including the title page.
- The **first page** will be a “Title Page”. ***This will include*** the name of your book, your name(s) as the author, date of publication and an appropriate colored illustration(s).
- The **second page** will be information about the **LOCATION** of your country. ***It will include:***
 - A **map of Latin America** with your country made to stand out.
 - A **map of your country itself** with major geographical features labeled.
 - The **name of the capital city with its coordinates** (latitude and longitude).
 - Two statements that describe where your country is located** (using RELATIVE location).
- The **remaining 26 pages** (pages 3-28) will be your “**ALPHABET**” pages. Starting with A, each page should be about an aspect of your country that starts with that letter and that is either a PHYSICAL or a HUMAN characteristic. For example, your “A” page may say “Alligator” if alligators are an animal typically found in the country. This would count as a physical characteristic (category: wildlife).

Each page will...

- Contain a title.** The title must be written so the letter stands out. For example, **A**lligator. ***The title must also include whether it is physical or human.***
- Contain a 3-4 sentence description.** For example, “Alligators are an animal typically found in the marshes of Florida. Due to Florida’s wet, humid climate, alligators thrive in the environment. They can also be a threat to humans and other wildlife.”
- Contain a relevant, colored, HAND DRAWN, GOOGLE IMAGE or CLIP ART picture.**

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:

As stated before, you will have pages for each of the 26 letters of the alphabet. 13 of these pages will pertain to a **PHYSICAL** characteristic and 13 will pertain to a **HUMAN** characteristic. You must clearly identify on the page title what the characteristic is. For example:

 **lligator**

Physical Characteristic – Wildlife

FINISHED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS:

- The pages of your book are to be standard computer paper size (8 ½ X 11).
- All writing is to be **TYPED**. You choose fonts, size, etc.
- All pictures are to be completely colored. They can be hand drawn, google images or clipart. **We do not have colored ink at school, so plan accordingly.**
- **Each page should be full.** Plan out your spacing of the title, sentences and pictures. This should be pleasing to the reader. **NO BLANK SPACE.**
- The Title Page must be glued onto a **hard piece of card stock**. *I will provide this for you*
- Your pages can be portrait or landscape. Whichever you choose, **you must have a ONE INCH margin on the left-hand side for binding.**
- Your finished book will be **bound**. *Again, I will do this for you.*

PLEASE NOTE:

You will be completing the research in class. I will have library books as well as the iPads. You may find that you will need to do additional research at home.

You will have access to computers in school to do the final typing of your book. Please refer to the time management calendar. I strongly recommend you bring your thumb drive for this project!

If you are working with a partner, it is a good idea to try to coordinate working together outside of school or to split up the work. Remember choose wisely. This needs to be someone whom you can trust! If you are not satisfied with your partner, you cannot make a change. **You are also able to work alone if you wish.**

Parent Signature: _____

THE **A B C'S** OF _____

Use the chart below to ensure you have all of the requirements for the 26 letters of the alphabet.
 You must have 13 physical and 13 human. **I need to approve of this list before you may begin!**

LETTER	TERM	PHYSICAL/HUMAN	CATEGORY
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			
I			
J			
K			
L			
M			
N			
O			
P			
Q			
R			
S			
T			
U			
V			
W			
X			
Y			
Z			

THE **ABC'S** OF LATIN AMERICA USING THE THEME OF PLACE

Final Project Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Does your **title page** include...

- The **title** of your book?
 - Your **name(s)** as the author?
 - Date** of publication?
 - An appropriate COLORED **picture**?
- Is your title page glued to a piece of card stock?

Does the **second page** include...

- A **map of Latin America** with your country made to stand out?
 - A **map of your country itself** with major geographical features labeled?
 - The **name of the capital city with its coordinates** (latitude and longitude)?
 - Two statements that describe where your country is located** (using RELATIVE location)?
- Does your book display **THIRTEEN** physical characteristics that are clearly identified in the titles?
- Does your book display **THIRTEEN** human characteristics that are clearly identified in the titles?
- Does each of your **TWENTY-SIX** alphabet pages contain a title with the name of the characteristic with the letter made to stand out?
- Are your paragraphs at least 3-4 sentences, typed and edited?
- Does each page contain a relevant, COLORED illustration?
- Is each page planned out so as to leave as little blank space as possible?
- Did you leave a one inch margin on the left hand side for binding?
- Have you gone above and beyond in completing this project?
- Have you gone through the grading rubric and assessed your project through my eyes?
- Are you proud of this project you are about to turn in?
- Did you complete a bibliography sheet?

**THE *ABC's* OF LATIN AMERICA
USING THE THEME OF PLACE**

Name: _____ Period: _____

Research Topics:

Physical Characteristics (NATURE):

- Landforms (physical features)
- Climate (weather patterns)
- Vegetation (plants, trees, land cover)
- Wildlife (animals)
- Natural Resources

Human Characteristics (CULTURE):

- Foods
- Holidays
- Festivals
- Sports
- Architecture (building types)
- Language
- Agriculture (crops)
- Education
- Arts
- Industry/Economy
- Tourist Attraction

**THE *ABC's* OF LATIN AMERICA
USING THE THEME OF PLACE**

Name: _____ Period: _____

Research Topics:

Physical Characteristics (NATURE):

- Landforms (physical features)
- Climate (weather patterns)
- Vegetation (plants, trees, land cover)
- Wildlife (animals)
- Natural Resources

Human Characteristics (CULTURE):

- Foods
- Holidays
- Festivals
- Sports
- Architecture (building types)
- Language
- Agriculture (crops)
- Education
- Arts
- Industry/Economy
- Tourist Attraction

THE **ABC's** OF LATIN AMERICA USING THE THEME OF PLACE

Grading Rubric

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Title page contains an appropriate title, author(s) name, copyright date and a colored picture.					___ / 10
First page includes a map of Latin America with your country highlighted, a map of your country with major geographical features labeled, the name of the capital city and its coordinates as well as two statements describing the relative location of your country.					___ / 10
All writing is TYPED.					___ / 10
	5	3	2	1	Score
Titles	Each of the 26 letter pages contains a title with the letter made to stand out. In addition, all titles include whether it is physical or human and the category.	Most of the 26 letter pages contain a title with the letter made to stand out. In addition, most titles include whether it is physical or human and the category.	The 26 letter pages are all titled, but the letter is not made to stand out. Also, titles do not indicate physical or human and the categories are not included.	The 26 letter pages are not appropriately titled.	X3
Information	Each of the 26 letter pages contains important information that is relevant to the topic and that is written in complete thoughts.	Most of the 26 letter pages contain important information that is relevant to the topic and that is written in complete thoughts.	The 26 letter pages contain information that is not always appropriate to the topic. Most pages are lacking complete thoughts.	The 26 letter pages contain very sparse information that is not always written in complete thoughts.	X5
Pictures	Each of the 26 pages contains COLORED pictures that are either hand drawn, google images or clip art and are relevant to the topic.	Most of the 26 pages contain COLORED pictures that are either hand drawn, google images or clip art and are relevant to the topic.	The 26 pages contain COLORED pictures that are just average. Not a lot of extra time was put in.	Few of the 26 pages contain COLORED pictures. Or no pictures are included at all.	X5
Conventions	The book contains no spelling or grammatical errors; proofreading is evident.	The book contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors; proofreading is somewhat evident.	The book contains several spelling and/or grammatical errors; proofreading is not really evident.	The book contains many spelling and/or grammatical errors; proofreading is not evident.	X3
Effort	The completed book shows exceptional effort and creativity. The author went above and beyond.	The completed book shows acceptable effort and creativity. The author did what was expected but did not go above and beyond.	The completed book shows minimum effort and creativity. The author put little thought into completing it.	The completed book shows no effort and creativity. The author did not produce acceptable work.	X3

TOTAL SCORE: _____ / 125 =



Mexico

Belize

Guatemala

Costa Rica

Panama

Bahamas

Jamaica

Cuba

Haiti

Brazil

Argentina

Chile

Peru

Ecuador

Venezuela