**Comparing Governments Project**

* You may work in groups of up to three if you choose. (No more than 3 – do not even ask.)
* You must create a (non-electronic) display of your information, which will be seen by other students and faculty (and others who may see it in the hall). The method of display is up to you, but you must include all of the ***correct*** information. **Completeness, correctness, creativity, and neatness ALL COUNT**.
* Words should be *handwritten*… maps, pictures, articles can be printed.
* Formal projects are **NEVER** turned in written in pencil.
* ***Do not*** use information from WIKI sources. These are unreliable and not scholarly websites. Go to my website and look on the ‘Research Sources’ page for some direction…

**Part 1:**

Define the following terms as they relate to forms of government. Use reliable resources. After you define the terms, explain what they mean using your own words and then give an example of a country that is or was under that form of system.

* Communism
* Socialism
* Democracy
* Republic
* Absolute Monarchy
* Constitutional Monarchy
* Dictatorship
* Fascism

**Part 2:**

For this part, you will use the following websites:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

sweetsearch.com

* Categorize the following list of countries by their political system. This list includes historic and contemporary countries. Decide whether each country is current or historic and research the topics that follow.
* Venezuela
* England
* United States
* Norway
* Denmark
* Russia
* USSR
* Saudi Arabia
* China
* Germany
* Brazil
* Iraq
* India
* Nazi Germany
* Italy under Mussolini
* Rome
* Athens
* France under Napoleon
* Denmark
* Japan
* North Korea
* South Korea
* Locate on a map and show the location of each country (on its own map).
* When did this country become an independent country? (When was it founded?)
* Who is in charge of this country? Do they have a title?
* Describe the state of the economy: is it thriving? Collapsing? How can you tell? Is it a free-market?
* Describe suffrage in this country.
* Explain their legal system.
* Explain how citizenship works in this country.
* Was this country under a different political system in the past? If so, why did it change? What years did this government affect?
* Are there any major terrorist threats in this country?

**Part 3:**

* Choose two of the countries from the list above and search out news articles that tell about current events in that country. You must find at least 3 news articles for each of the 2 countries you select (totaling 6 articles).
* Print them (including their date and news source)
* Read and highlight the important information within them and summarize each one in 3-5 sentences on the back (or to the side) of the printed article page
* The article must be reporting news from within the past 2 months.