

# **Fishline Timeline Tips - The Challenges of Narrowing A Nation down to fifteen segments...**

I understand that its not easy to be accurate in taking the history of an entire nation state and whittling it down to twelve to fifteen small hanging squares. And to do so in less than a month. That however is our task at hand. So, here's a few tips for your success.

## **1 - Written Requirement.**

Keep in mind the written requirements of the assignment; that is what you'll be graded on.

- 12 entries minimum (you can do more, and frankly to be complete you need to do so)
- Color consistency - and in line with your chosen state
- Duplicate format - 48 pt font on the labels / 24 pt font minimum on text
- 5 photo minimum
- 2 themed minimum - one is country name
- Maps must contain continent - or they don't make sense
- 10 minimum in chronological order
- 1 minimum pre 672 AD (before Mohammed)
- 1 minimum 1500 to 1865 (during American slave trade)
- 1 minimum during 19th century European Imperialism
- Majority goes in the 20th century
- Two are People - you may provide date of life but the photo must dominate
- Quality - Text is in your words

## **2 - Be Prepared**

I will expect you (and partner) without notes to walk me through the final timeline. I will ask multiple questions about each of the entries. And partners will not be allowed to do any rescuing. Anything that hangs is fair game for question to either artist; both will get this same grade. This will be a twenty to thirty minute afer school walk through. This will be pointed discussion. I would make sure that I was practiced.

## **3 - Background Information**

You probably know very little about your chosen country. Below are a couple of places to get familiar with.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/> - the CIA's World Fact Book is a great place to start. It'll give you brief insights to history, government, significant dates...everything that you need to acquaint yourself with your state.

<http://www.africa.com> - this is a decent website for an introduction. Use the search bar. read. read. read. the more you feel the nation, the more you will enjoy the assignment, and consequently you'll do good work.

#### **4 - Travel Guides**

Travel Guides can be a great way to educate yourself about your chosen Nation State. I find that Lonely Planet and Rough Guides are the best...

- Lonely Planet - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com>
- Rough Guides - <http://www.roughguides.com>

#### **5 - Current Events**

The best way to stay in tuned to the continent and your state is to stay on top of the current events. It will draw you closer to your chosen country...and give you incentive to learn more.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world/africa> - The BBC does a great job with Africa. Ramble through the sight. You'll find podcasts, news stories and great search engines. Use it to stay up-to-date.

<http://allafrica.com> - another good place to start each day. Follow your country. Follow the continent.

#### **6 - Deadlines**

Make sure that you are aware of all deadlines. Currently they are soft, as the year end comes they will tighten up. Ask and ye shall know.

#### **7 - Your Grade**

Don't forget the Timeline is your only Common Assessment - 25% of Marking Period #4. It also constitutes 33% of your Final Exam. Gradewise it is signifcant.

#### **8 - Joy of Learning**

By the time this Timeline is hung you will have learned much about the continent of Africa and your chosen Nation State. I think that you will be pleased with the final outcome.