

# Google Classroom Reflections



In an effort to inspire reflection and embolden class discussion in regard to the continent of Africa, we are going to rely heavily on a reoccurring assignment called "Google Classroom Reflections." These reflections will revolve around an assigned reading, video, or audio podcast posted to Google Classroom. The selected item will concentrate, for the most part on issues that affect the entire continent. Sometimes, I will focus on an individual country. The goal, however will be the same for all. With the selections, I'll provide you a unique insight to an issue that affects all African states. If you find an interesting and brief podcast (audio or video) that you think we all would benefit from hearing, please send it my way - maybe we can use it.

Your job will be to read, listen, or watch and think hard and reflect on the particular media source presented to you. I don't expect your reflection posts to be buried in deep research. That would take too much time and draw you away from your specific state responsibilities. On the other hand, you are young adults, who should be able to enter into complicated conversation that concerns the world, and do so with depth and intelligence. I don't expect you to just yapp or to yell. I want you to reflect. If that takes a little Internet digging - fine - link the sight to your post. I want to hear the voice of an intelligent young person.

Each of these posts will count 30 points toward your homework grade. You will have one or two days to complete the post. I will expect you to shoot for a 150 to 200 word target. And you'll need to proof it. The Fishline Timeline is your one Common Assessment for the year. And everything else, that you do through "Exploring Africa" will count as a Homework grade. So, these reflections will make up a considerable portion of your Marking Period Grade.

In an effort to help you to stay organized, I will add each of the Reflections to an ongoing Blendspace - linked here. This should allow you to stay on top of the assignments. Check your email and Google Classroom regularly, as each of the posts will be active there.

Finally, make sure to post to Google Classroom and not to Google Docs or via email.