

Leavin' On A Jet Plane!

NAME:



I have a travel guide and have chosen to travel to:

Teacher Approval:

Final DUE DATE:

Parent Signature:

It is **YOUR** lucky day! By a twist of fate the State of California Education Department has unanimously decided that world travel is of utmost importance to the development of character and compassion in students! Each of you now has \$6,000 to spend on your dream holiday anywhere you'd like to go in the world! It is up to you to plan the trip of your dreams...and **PLAN YOU WILL!** Every detail will be set out from the beginning... You can travel for as long as you like, provided you can financially take care of yourself, and **return home safely**. So...have fun and get creative! Bonne Chance!

Your first task? (For one million bonus points...)

Define WANDERLUST:

Tell me what you think about the definition:

My sincere hope is that each of you will in fact visit numerous cities and countries around the world...meeting new people and having incredible adventures along the way...because people are beautiful and new cultures are amazing and inspirational. We are truly tested as humans when we have to communicate without our mother tongue. Here is a quote to get you started: To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. -Lord Alfred Tennyson

Before you get embroiled in all of the details below...dream a little. No, scratch that, **DREAM A LOT!** Seriously, spend a good amount of time ruminating about what you'd like to accomplish on this adventure. Start by asking **everyone** you know where they've been and where they'd like to go...and more importantly, why. Where in the world would you like your feet to hit the ground? What kind of weather do you like? When is the best time of year to go? What world wonders appeal to you? The pyramids of Egypt? Bungee jumping in New Zealand? The Great Wall of China? The Taj Mahal in India? Surfing in Tahiti? Glass bottom boats in Borneo? Zip lining in Costa Rica? Snowboarding in Whistler? Castles in Germany? The Eiffel Tower in France? Mount Kilimanjaro of Kenya? All 50 States? The Great Barrier Reef in Australia? Mountain ranges? Lakes? Fishing? Villages? Cities? A combination? SO many questions!!!

The DEETS: (Use this as a checklist!)

You are traveling as a backpacker would, please don't forget that you are looking for economical prices. Make your money LAST! Try to make this holiday as long as you can. Please try to connect with local culture as much as possible!

You may plan with another person who has their own separate budget. You must each account for all details individually. Each person must submit their own project. If you choose to plan with another person you must also plan to travel for a minimum of 2 weeks by yourself. Project minimum duration is 6 weeks.

Country Details:

Please provide at least these minimal details for each country or region you visit. What region(s) will you visit? How many different countries? What are the capitals? What is the population? Flag? Language(s) spoken? Brief history? Government style? Extras? Interesting facts?

Transportation:

Please use Planes Trains and Automobiles! Probably boats too!

*You must purchase one round trip ticket, or equivalent thereof, to ensure your

safe return. Keep in mind this will probably be your biggest single expense. You must provide a print out of this "purchase".

*All transport must be accounted for! Print "tickets, or write down the cost.

*You must use multiple transportation forms.

Health:

*Without your tip top health, you will have a terrible time...so you'll need to check for which immunizations you'll need before you go. You will need to take this out of your budget.

*Travel Insurance must be "purchased" for the length of your journey.

*What will you do in an emergency? Hospitals? Doctors? Insurance?

*You'll also need to create a medication kit and a first aid kit. This is VERY important, and specific to YOU.

Passport:

*You'll need to print and fill out a passport application form. If you already have one, great! Photocopied proof, with the important details blocked out, will suffice.

Planning:

*a combination of book work and internet use will help you. Everyone must have AT LEAST one travel guide in paper form. This should be available in class at all times.

Money:

What is the local currency in each country you are visiting?

What is the exchange rate?

What is the easiest way to remember it for quick purchasing?!? Round it!

How will you get cash? Where/how will you keep it? How much is enough/too much?

Packing:

Make/find a list and tweak it to suit you. How much does a good backpack cost?

What is the capacity? Check REI! How much can it carry? Try to virtually pack your bag, will it fit? Can you carry it comfortably?

Time difference:

How many hours is it ahead/behind? When will be the best time to call your parents? For you? For them?

Cultural icons/major sights:

Which will you see? Which are most important to you?

Food:

*Will you bring anything? I like to bring small snack such as fruit bars and nuts for those times I can't get to a store, maybe on a long overnight train trip.

*Are you a picky eater? *What will you like/dislike the most?

Fears:

_*What are you most afraid of? (For example...I am VERY claustrophobic...which means that caves/tunnels/elevators and busy buses can be, at times, very problematic for me!)

Exercise: Is this important to you? If so, how will you maintain it?

Weather: What role(s) will this play in your travels? Packing?
What is the average temperature range when you'll be there?

What is the total distance you'll travel? (Save this for the end!)

By air? Foot? Car?

Now...quickly...jot down your first thoughts about this project! What are your first ideas?

To do in the next day or two:

Ask 3 adults and 3 friends where they would go and why. List them below.

Name	Destination(s)	Name	Destination(s)
1)		4)	
2)		5)	
3)		6)	

Overall Checklist:

General Country Information

Detailed Budget: THIS MUST ADD UP TO CLOSE TO \$6, 000!

Daily Journal.

Daily Journal to include:

Accommodations: Where will you sleep? Specific location and cost per night in \$US.

Food: Description/location for 3 meals per day and approx. cost.

Transportation: Details of how you are getting to your activities OR to your next location

Activities: What are you doing for the day? You don't have to jam pack every day with structured activities, but be sure not to miss the main attractions!

Health Issues:

Extra(s)

TENTATIVE MINI DUE DATES:

Sept. 17-19th	Introduced and informally researched, assigned.
Sept. 22nd	Signature and Travel Guide due
Sept. 26th	Passport App and 1st week due
Oct. 3rd	2nd and 3rd week due, country info draft due
Oct. 10th	4th week due, packing lists and insurance due
Oct. 17th	5th week due, budget check in
Oct. 24th	6th week due, final check in
Oct. 31st	(½ Day!) FINAL PROJECT DUE!

