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ABSTRACT

When U.S. citizens travel to Indonesia, it is hard for the majority of them to understand the country's culture and people. This project outlines some of the major fallacies individuals have when in Indonesia, and how they can avoid them by studying ahead of time. The project begins by requiring the individuals to plan their trip properly, know the Indonesian currency and where to obtain a passport. There are 12 questions pertaining to Indonesia's geographical, religious, political, and social make-up. Participants are asked to identify and understand Indonesia's customs such as food, family structure, music, and the country's motto. Additional learning activities include brief questions on Indonesia's history, researching three important current events, and locating significant places on a map of Indonesia and places of relative importance. A bonus exercise concludes the project and asks individuals to create a poster that includes the people, land, and life in Indonesia. These activities offer a traveler to Indonesia pertinent information to help them as they make their journey through the country. (JAG)

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CULTURE PROJECT

IMAGINARY TRAVEL TO INDONESIA

Americans do a great deal of traveling throughout the world each year. Many areas visited by Americans have a cultural heritage different from what we understand. Religion, language, government structure, monetary systems and customs are a few of these differences.

Some American travelers say and do things which are misunderstood in the foreign country they are visiting. This has led many foreigners to think of their visitors as "Ugly Americans". Unfortunately, this label is frequently justified! To avoid these problems requires an attempt by American travelers to find out many things about the country they will be visiting before they start their journey.

Assume that you are going to visit the country of Indonesia. Use the following questions as a guide to obtain information that would help in preparing for an imaginary journey.

INSTRUCTIONS

Final copy is to be done in INK -- Except for map or sketches which may be in pencil.

Answers are to go on separate paper in the order in which they appear on the question sheet. They should be numbered under each title category.

The map is to be done on a blank sheet of paper and neatly labeled.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Your first step in planning a trip might be to contact a local travel agency for general information, flight schedules and cost. Identify a travel agency in our area that could handle your request. Give the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the agency. (You do not need to actually call or visit one.)
2. What is the approximate flight distance between New York City and Jakarta, Indonesia? How many hours would you need to travel between these two cities? What would be a possible route for your travel?
3. Identify two books on Indonesia (not reference books) where you could find out about the country and the people. Enter the information in Bibliographic form. (No encyclopedias, dictionaries, or reference books)
4. What is the unit of currency in Indonesia? What is a recent exchange rate for the dollar?
5. Where could you obtain travelers checks? (Be specific) What Travelers Check Company would you use? (Be specific)
6. You may be required to get a PASSPORT and a VISA. What is a PASSPORT and where would you obtain one? What is a VISA? (VISA has nothing to do with a charge card.)

THE COUNTRY

1. In terms of size, how does Indonesia compare with the United States? (Use some specific examples.)
2. Where is Indonesia located? Use four latitude and longitude readings--the furthest North, South, East, and West locations of the country.
3. What month would be the best time to go on the trip? Justify your answer by using temperature and rainfall information.
4. Identify THREE specific and significant geographic features of Indonesia. In two or three sentences each, describe each of these features.
5. What are the two largest cities in Indonesia? What is a recent population of each?
6. What is the approximate population of Indonesia? What is the most populous island? What is its population?

7. What are the two largest religions? What is the approximate percentage of the population for each? Where are each located?
8. What is the official language of Indonesia? What is the literacy rate?
9. What is the approximate per capita income? What percent is rural? What percent is urban?
10. How many automobiles are in Indonesia? How many people per car?
11. Who have been the two major political leaders of Indonesia since Independence? Write a brief biography of each.
12. What is acceptable clothing to be worn by both men and women? (Consider climate and religion)

CUSTOMS

1. What is considered typical Indonesian food? Give a few examples.
2. For entertainment, identify each of the following?
 - A. Gamelan Music
 - B. Wayang Kulit
 - C. Wayang Golek
 - D. Barong Dance
 - E. Kris Dance
 - F. Batik Making
 - G. Puppet Making
3. Family structure:
 - A. What are the typical marriage customs?
 - B. What is the family structure of the Minangkabau on the island of Sumatra?
4. What is the meaning of the country's motto: "Unity in Diversity"?

HISTORY

1. Briefly discuss the history of Indonesia before 1900. Give several specific examples, including the Java Man, the Hindu Period, Arab Period, and early European Colonialism.
2. Briefly discuss the history of Indonesia in the 20th Century. Include its Independence movement, colonialism, World War II and the present.
3. Identify and explain the following two historical sites. Explain the importance of each.
 - A. Borobudur
 - B. Prambanan

CURRENT EVENTS

Using CURRENT NEWS ON FILE or FACTS ON FILE, summarize in several sentences a newsworthy event that has occurred in Indonesia in the past three(3) years. Include the date that the news event took place.

MAP

Sketch a map on a blank piece of paper showing Indonesia. Locate the following on the map:

- A. Islands:

Java	Sulawesi
Samatra	Timor
Bali	Irian Jaya
Kalimantan	
- B. Cities:
 - Jakarta
 - Yogyakarta
 - Bandung
 - Padang
 - Bukittinggi
 - Denpasar

- C. Water:
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| Indian Ocean | Malacca Straits |
| Java Sea | Sunda Straits |
| South China Sea | Makassar Straits |
| Banda Sea | |

- D. Show neighboring countries:

Singapore
Malaysia
Philippines
Papua New Guinea
Australia
Brunei

- E. Historical Sites:

Borobudur
Prambanan

- F. Give the map a title

BONUS

Do a visual (poster) showing the people, land, and life in Indonesia. They may be either pictures or sketches.