**Country exploration**

Dear Explorer,

Your mission over the next two weeks is to conduct an exploration of a country that is new to you, and to report your findings back to the National Geographic. Think of a country you have always wanted to know more about. Perhaps family or friends live there and you want to know what life is like. Maybe you’ve seen it on TV or read about it and it has sparked your interest. Well, now is the chance!

You can investigate any aspect of the country, but the National Geographic needs you to include the following:

* Where is this country located? (Continent, compass directions etc…)
* Is this country a Low Income Country (LIC), High Income Country (HIC) or Newly Emerging Economy (NEE)? Why?
* List some development indicators (GDP, literacy rate etc…)
* What are some of the key physical (natural) features of the country?
* What are some of the key human (man-made) features of the country?
* What recent news stories have been linked to this country?
* How do the topics you have studied this year apply to this country? E.g. How does extreme weather/ climate change affect it?

To find out information about your country, try the following websites:

CIA World Fact Book - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

World Atlas - <https://www.worldatlas.com/>

Development indicators - <https://data.worldbank.org/country>

Once you have conducted your exploration, think about how you can present your research – the more creative you can be, the better. Don’t forget to put it into your own words!

For inspiration, check out the explorers that work for the National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/find-explorers/?filter=&page=1&q=>