**Human Geography 11 – Raising Living Standards Assignment**

**Essential Question**

How can (*choose a developing country*) deal with its most significant challenges in its attempts to raise its living standards?

**Learning objectives**

*-students will apply critical thinking—including questioning, comparing, summarizing, drawing conclusions, and defending a position—to make reasoned judgments about living standards of a country*

*-students will assess the living standards of developing countries, with reference to key indicators of human development, including economic issues, population issues, urbanization, environmental issues, and social issues.*

**The assignment**

On your own, you are going to choose a country from the list provided in clas and research statistics about their population and living standards. As an **advocate** for your chosen country, you are preparing a presentation that is an appeal to the international community for help.

Then, you will produce a Power Point or Google slides, Prezi or other format that allows you to meet the criteria of the assignment, including a description of the country and an explanation of the three most significant **challenges** facing that country.

**Format**

* 1-3 slides – *description* of the country: background information. What factors make this a “lower living standards nation”? Include population and living standards information (ie. literacy rates, infant mortality, etc.)
* Next 3 slides – identify and describe, in your own words, the *three most significant challenges* the country faces that prevent it from raising its current living standards. (1 slide per “challenge”)
* Next 3 slides – describe *logical solutions* for each of the three challenges the country faces. How could the international community help this country to raise its living standards?
* Last slide – works cited

\*Each slide must include **at least one image** which relates to the overall idea of the slide.

**Process**

You will research the issues facing your developing nation. Choose the three most significant “problems” and determine how best the country can try to fix those problems.

Consider the following areas as you research your country:

1. Economic issues: debt, growth of the economy
2. Population issues: population growth rate, dependency ratio; overcrowding
3. Urbanization: rapid growth of cities, lack of services, infrastructure problems
4. Environmental issues: forestry practices, farming practices, water, food production, land use, desertification
5. Social issues: child labour, prostitution, human rights abuses, lack of education, HIV/AIDS

**Helpful sources**

-good place to start: CIA Worldfactbook

<https://cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

-Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) website

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index-e.htm>

-Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/>

-The World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

-USAID (American Aid Organization)

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

**Evaluation**

/40 marks

Presentation will be evaluated for the following:

-clearly communicated

-includes all necessary elements

-logical explanation of country’s issues and logical suggested solutions

-a persuasive tone