



Dear Year 5s,

For this week's project, you will create and design your own country from scratch. You will choose a type of government for your country, name, currency, language and more. This shouldn't be too difficult as we explored some of these topics in our History and Geography lessons (Think about Greece☺). Your final product will be a **brochure** or a **PowerPoint presentation** about your own country and government. Use your imagination and the following guidelines.

I cannot wait to learn all about your countries.

Good Luck☺

1. Research the official names of different countries to get an idea how to name your country. For example, the official name of my country is *The Republic of Poland*.

Use one of these "official" prefixes to name your country:

- Independent Republic of ...
- United Federation of...
- Dominion of ...

- Kingdom of ...
- Union of ...
- Queendom of ...
- Empire of ...
- Sovereign State of ...
- People's Republic of...
- United States of ...

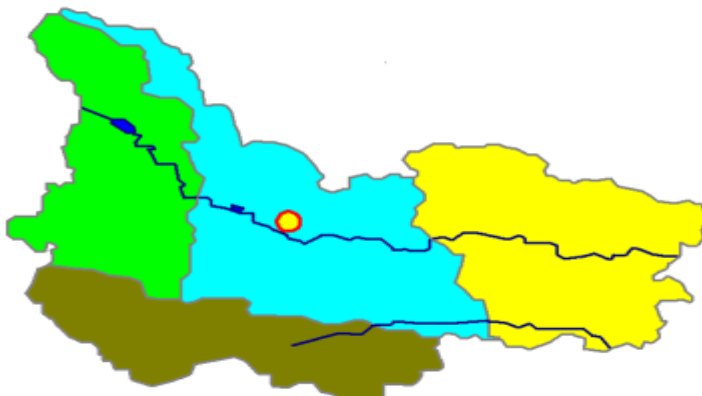
2. Design A Flag & Choose a Motto



Many countries have a motto that consists of just three words. Come up with three words that sum up your hopes for your country. America's motto, for example, is "In God We Trust".

Choose an emblem or symbol such as *stars*, *stripes*, *etc* that best represent your own country. Keep it simple. Pick some symbolic colours and add decorative motif.

3. Map It Out



Create a map of your country, decide how large or small it should be. Does it have a coastline? Does it border another country? Is your country an island? Where in the world is it located?

For example, Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia with a long coast along South China Sea, it borders China in north, it has a long border with Laos and borders Cambodia in southwest.

4. Set Up a Government

Choose your capital city, currency and the kind of government your country will have. *Define* your government.

Government Types to Choose From:

- Absolute Monarchy
- Constitutional Monarchy
- Direct Democracy
- Representative Democracy
- Dictatorship
- Oligarchy
- Theocracy
- Communism
- Socialism

5. Characteristics of your Government

List 7 characteristics of your government type

- How do leaders become leaders?
- Who holds power and makes the decisions in the government?
- How are the people's views taken into account? (Does your government respect people's opinion? How?)
- How does the government raise money? (You should know the economic system of your country. Is it communist, socialist, capitalist, etc? Explain how your country makes money (taxes), and what it does with that money to serve the citizens. How does it spend its money? For hospital and education for example?)

- Add 2 more characteristics or facts about your government. (What kinds of holidays will you have, how often will you celebrate them? Does your country have secrets?)
- What is one benefit (positive thing) of your country's government?
- What is one drawback (negative thing) of your county's government?
- Name a country in the world that has your type of government.