

Diversification Essay Planning Pages

Directions: We have been studying the geography of Africa and how its physical features, climate/vegetation, and natural resources affect people's lives. Imagine that you are part of a business that has been assigned to help an African country diversify (add variety to) their economy. Your boss has asked that you write a three paragraph written report about your proposal. To help you write your report, use the research notes from your diversification project graphic organizer, any class notes, and prior knowledge to complete the attached essay planning pages. Please remember, this is a rough draft and provides a place for notes, ideas, and an opportunity to organize your information. This is not the final copy.

Background: Most of Africa's workers are farmers. That makes their economy sensitive to factors outside of their control. These factors can include the amount of rainfall an area receives or the price of crops. For example, if there is not enough rain, then a farmer's crops cannot thrive and they will not be able to make a living. To avoid this, African countries are trying to diversify their economies. A country with a diverse economy will not be hurt as much if a major cash crop fails.

Task/ Purpose: Propose a solution for how your country can diversify its economy.

Your Introduction Should Include:

- Make a general statement about your topic and opinion or use a hook.
- Provide background information about your country's:
 - physical geography
 - natural resources
 - climate
 - current economy
 - vegetation
- Include a claim or thesis statement that includes your proposal for how the people of your country can diversify their economy.

Your Body Paragraph Should Include:

- Describe the problem(s) that the people in your African country face that are caused by Africa's landforms, climate and reliance on natural resources.
- How do these problems affect how they make a living?
- Include your group's proposal for how the people in your country should diversify their economy and an explanation for how this will help the people of your country make a living.

Your Conclusion Should Include:

- Restate the proposal
- Review the key ideas from your body paragraph in different words
- Write a concluding sentence that makes a judgment or states an opinion

****Part 1: Please complete this part for Friday, October 24th, 2014.****

Introductory Paragraph:

Intro or Hook: Start your essay with a little known fact about your country or a question that will get your boss's attention.

Background information: Provide information about your country's (1) physical geography, (2) its climate, (3) its vegetation, (4) its natural resources and (5) your country's current economy (how the people make a living).

Thesis: Present your proposal for how the people of your country can diversify their economy.

****Part 2: Please complete this part for Friday, October 24th, 2014.****

Body Paragraph: Describe the problem(s) that the people in your African country face that are caused by Africa's landforms, climate and reliance on natural resources. How do these problems affect how they make a living? Expand upon your group's proposal for how the people in your country should diversify their economy and an explanation for how this will help the people of your country make a living.

Topic Sentence: Introduce your proposal.

Supporting Details (S.D.) and Expanded Details (E.D.) - Expand upon your group's proposal for how the people in your country should diversify their economy and an explanation for how this will help the people of your country make a living.

S.D. #1 _____

E.D. # 1 _____

S.D. #2 _____

E.D. # 2 _____

S.D. #3 _____

E.D. # 3 _____

Concluding Sentence: (Sum it up)

****Part 3: Please complete this part before beginning your final draft.****

Concluding Paragraph

This would be your “movie review”. Include the essay’s focus, main points and something to keep the reader thinking about the topic. Summarize your essay.

Restate your proposal:

Review main points:

Conclusion/make a judgment/ look to the future:

The final draft of your essay is due on **Wednesday, October 29th, 2014.**

*Your final draft must be either hand written in pen or typed.