

UCA3: Comparative Governments

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

1. Governments both restrict and expand individual freedoms.
2. A nation's wealth/poverty is affected by its' government and economic system GUIDING

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do some nations and/or governments restrict individual freedoms while others expand them?
2. What are some examples of nations that restrict freedoms?
3. What are some examples of nations that expand freedoms?

What is freedom? We have it in America don't we? Everyone says we have it so we must! One reason Americans know we have freedom is because the immigrants tell us we do!! Whenever an immigrant to America is asked why they came here, invariably the word freedom gets used as part of their answer. So what are the **USA's freedoms?** The best way to answer this is to go to the United States Constitution and read the first ten amendments. They are what is commonly called the **Bill of Rights**. Please "click" on the image below and read **all ten** of the amendments. *Read them carefully.* You will need to refer to them later in the assignment.



This is a rendering of the lobby of the National Archives building in Washington D. C. where the original United States Constitution resides, which contains the Bill of Rights.

After your careful reading of the United States Bill of Rights, would you say that the USA is Free (**F**), Partially Free (**PF**), or Not Free (**NF**)? I hope the answer was obvious. If not.....the answer is **Free!** Many nations of the world, besides the USA, pride themselves with the political freedoms that they provide for their citizens. America is NOT unique. On the other hand, there are nations around the world that DO NOT provide the freedoms that much of the world enjoys. They deny their citizens these freedoms for the purpose of political control and "forced" cultural unity. You will be asked, in this assignment, to investigate several nations of the world. You will answer several questions about each nation. You will also give them a ranking of **F** (Free), **PF** (Partially Free) or **NF** (Not Free), based on the research that you will be asked to do. The web site you should use to gather data for this assignment is a United States

Department of State site called **Background Notes**. You will find this web site listed below in the web sites to be used in completing this assignment.

You will be investigating the *type of government, Constitution, suffrage (right to vote), general political conditions, relations with the United States, and how free* each of the following nations are; **AFGHANISTAN, BOTSWANA, CHINA, GERMANY, HOLY SEE (Vatican City), INDIA, IRAQ, UNITED KINGDOM (Great Britian), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and VIETNAM**. These nations were selected (*out of the 197 nations of the world*) because they are all unique, in at least **one** way.

Here are the web sites to use for the successful completion of this assignment:



Here are the specific instructions for composing and submitting this assignment:
This assignment requires that you create a chart and fill it in with information. Please follow the directions precisely.

1. Please read each question carefully to ascertain which web site to go to. When you have researched the answers to ALL of the questions and know the answers, you are now ready to create and submit your assignment! You are required to answer ALL questions!! Pay particular attention to questions 3, 4 and 5. They seem to get missed a lot.
2. Keep your internet browser open to this page in the course.
3. Open up a new Word document and type your name, Unit and Assignment number and your Global Perspectives online student number in the upper **left** hand corner of your Word document using a separate line for one. Please use **Times New Roman** or **Arial** font and size number **12/12**

EXAMPLE:

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UAA1 **or** UAA1
CHS **or** CHS-1

Here are the DETAILED directions for completing this assignment!

STEP #1: On your Word document you will compose a chart/table of **ten rows** and **six columns**. Carefully think through the size of your rows and columns so that the cells in your chart/table will be large enough to contain the information requested. Don't forget to adhere to the directions stated in #3 above.

STEP #2: In the ten rows will be the following nations; AFGHANISTAN, BOTSWANA, CHINA, GERMANY, HOLY SEE (Vatican City), INDIA, IRAQ, UNITED KINGDOM (Great Britain), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and VIETNAM.

STEP#3: The title at the top of the six columns will be the following words/phrases below that are underlined.

Type of Government - What is the **type of government** does the nation have?

Constitution - Does the nation have a written **Constitution**? If it so, **when** was it established?

Suffrage Age - What age does the nation allow voting and who can vote?

Political Condition - Give at least **one** specific fact, that reveals what the **political conditions** are like in this nation?

Relationship - In your opinion, is the **relationship** between this nation and the United States, **healthy/good** or **strained/troublesome**?

F - PF - NF - In your informed opinion, based on the web site provide in this assignment (*or any other source you may have*) is this nation **F** (free) or **PF** (partially free) or **NF** (not free)?

STEP #4: Send your completed assignment, which you have now "saved", as an attachment with the assignment name (**UCA3**) and your Global Perspectives online student number (**ex. CHS - 1**) typed into the subject line.