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French 4
Assigned : January 6, 2014

**La condition d'un pays francophone en Afrique de l'Ouest
et des solutions pour l'améliorer**
Présentation et écriture

Important due dates & Timeline:

Outline + intro—January 22nd

Draft #1—January 27th

*peer edit

Draft #2—January 29th

*Penalty for late papers & January 30th is the last day to turn this draft

Final Draft—February 18th

*Penalty for late papers & February 19th is the last day to turn this draft

Oral Presentation—February 3rd-7th

Approximate length: 3-4 pages in French

Assignment :

During this Unit, we will be studying West African Francophone countries. Many of these countries are inflicted with grave issues. Your task will be to research both a West African country and a prominent social issue; while in your second part you will offer a sustainable solution. You are to write a paper that 1) examines the state of a Francophone West African Country, 2) you will choose one major issue to research and finally 3) you will offer a solution to solve this problem. Examples will be given throughout the course of this month. Your solution must be of your own thought, make it unique and creative—you never know, your idea might become a reality. Following this research, every student will create a presentation to share their findings and ideas with the class.

Research:

We will work in the library during class (January 16th-17th); however, you should plan to accomplish this project primarily OUTSIDE of class. I suggest you start with a brainstorm of ideas that you find interesting. DO NOT write your paper in English and then translate it to French. You are likely to encounter great difficulty in doing so. All of your research will be in FRENCH, along with your notes, thus making the transition to the paper more seamless. Any form of plagiarism will result in a 0 on the project. This includes the use of any online translator such as Google Translate. Likewise, any assistance at all from a native or heritage speaker of French is strictly prohibited. If you have any doubts on how to define this, please see me! We will review how to site sources appropriately, but again, if you should have any questions, I would encourage you to see me! I will be your guide through this writing process. It is important that if you need help, you simply ask for it. I am happy to help.

Evaluation:

You will be given 4 grades for this project: 3 for writing and 1 for speaking. The Outline + intro will be worth 25 points, while Draft #2, the Final draft and the oral presentation will each be worth 100 points. For the presentation, it is not necessary that you memorize your oral presentation, however, you should be mindful of your audience. Simply reading from a note card will result in boredom for everyone. You should be very familiar with your information and using your note cards minimally. The oral presentation will be graded on accuracy, use of French, organization, pronunciation and thoroughness. Remember to include accents; your presentation should be easy to read, but not overwhelming with information. I will provide you with a rubric so that you can see more closely how you will be evaluated.

Format:

The paper should be typed, 12pt font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, entirely in accurate French. I will not accept handwritten papers. Since this assignment requires a revision, you should save your work on a jump-drive. The paper should have a title, a coversheet, footnotes citing each source, while I will also require a bibliography listing in the back. Again, I would like to remind you that all sources used must be in French. It is critical that you keep track of your resources as soon as you begin to conduct your research. We will review how to use such tools as Easybib.com, which will help you with this.

Goal:

The goal of this assignment is to not only acquaint you with Francophone West African, but also to teach you the importance of long-range planning and time management. Although I have outlined our work for the next month on our January calendar, it is your responsibility to plan according to this timeline. I will adhere to this timeline strictly, regardless of inclement weather or any other absences, school events, etc. In other words, if you are absent the day before an assignment is due, you are still accountable for turning it in per the timeline. Any legitimate medical emergencies should be brought to my attention as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute!!!