

Chapter 8: British Ties

Internet Activity

In this lesson, you will choose a country from the British Commonwealth and research information on its culture, its ties to Great Britain, and other facts about the country. You will use this information and a presentation software tool to create an engaging and informative visual presentation.



Part 1: Choose a Country

Directions: Choose one country from the following list of British Commonwealth nations. Your teacher may instruct you to work in groups of 2 or 3 for this project.

Australia	Cyprus	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Fiji	Malaysia	Singapore
Barbados	Ghana	Mozambique	South Africa
Belize	Guyana	New Zealand	Sri Lanka
Botswana	India	Nigeria	Tanzania
Brunei	Jamaica	Pakistan	Trinidad & Tobago
Cameroon	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Canada	Lesotho	Rwanda	Zambia

Part 2: Research

Using the note-taking sheet on the next page and the sources listed below, fill out information about your chosen country. Be sure to find interesting facts and images to make your presentation more exciting and engaging!

Sources to Use (information):

- Country Facts (<http://www.countryfacts.com/>)
- Commonwealth Countries (<http://bit.ly/cwmembers>)
- Other subscription-based services your school may subscribe to, such as *Britannica Student*, *World Book Student*, *ProQuest Culture Grams*, or *ABC-CLIO World Geography*

Sources to Use (images):

- Commonwealth.org image database (<http://bit.ly/cwimages>)
- Pics 4 Learning (<http://www.pics4learning.com/>)
- Pixabay (<https://pixabay.com/>)
- Other subscription-based services your school may subscribe to, such as *Britannica Image Quest*

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Commonwealth Country – Note Taking Sheet

Country Name	Location (Continent)	Type of Currency
Joined the Commonwealth	Climate & Geography	Flag
Culture: languages & religion	Culture: Holidays, customs, and traditions	Culture: other
Government: Type & leader	Economy – natural resources	Economy – production & exports
History of country with British empire and/or Commonwealth		A famous citizen
Other fact #1	Other fact #2	Other fact #3

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Part 3: Create Your Presentation

You will use a presentation software tool (such as Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides, or OpenOffice Impress) to create your presentation. Your presentation should include basic information about the country from your notes sheet, as well as information on the country's culture, history with the British empire, and other important facts. Your presentation should be between 6-12 slides in length. *Be sure to use at least 5 images in your presentation.*

Some important facts to remember when creating your presentation:

- Use larger fonts (16 pt and higher)
- Use easy-to-read fonts, and avoid cursive and light colors (unless you have a dark background)
- When re-sizing images, drag from the corner so the image isn't stretched vertically or horizontally
- Avoid using too much text on one slide
- Use images to help make your presentation more interesting – make sure your images match the text of the slide
- Some programs have slide templates that make formatting your presentation easier