**Poster Project: Build your own, new country.**

**Build your own, new country formerly colonized** by a European or the Japanese empire.As much as possible, **create societal factors that prevent and avoid conflicts between people and/or other countries.** Include **images**! You have 2 days to create your poster. You will present your poster to the class.

1. Choose at least **one sign of success** that your group will focus on and apply it to at least 2 lessons to be learned from Imperialism and Colonization.

2. Use these lessons to justify the kind of new nation you want

* Choose whether your country fought for independence or negotiated independence peacefully (and explain why)
* Choose the following type of systems for your new country:
	+ **Political** (monarchy, republic, oligarchy, dictatorship, direct democracy)
	+ **Economic** (free market, socialist, mixed economy)
* Determine how you will handle the following:
	+ **Geographic Issues**:
		- This land’s has one major water source, a river, as well as plains in which you plant food and hunt animals. It is also made up of more than more than 10 unique and diverse ethnicities, 20 languages, and two religions; how will these peoples share these important resources, if at all?
		- The river is on the borders of a neighboring country that has an entirely different political, economic, and cultural system than yours. How will you share this access with this country, if at all?
	+ **Social Issues**:
		- Your country’s borders were determined by the country that colonized you over 100 years ago. Within these borders are more than 10 unique and diverse ethnicities, 20 languages, and two religions. What factors of success will you honor so that all social groups get along with each other and have equal opportunity of living peacefully and successfully?
	+ Does your country have a military? What is its purpose?
	+ **Create a problem** based on the conditions given your new country **and solve it/establish the foundations to solve it.** How will your people, political and economic systems solve this problem while avoiding conflict?
		- Will you seek help from other countries and/or international organizations (e.g., The United Nations)? If so, what kind of help will you ask for and why?

\*Note! Not sure what to consider for your country? Remember the following:

* + - * What is the best way for all people to have access to building their own wealth?
			* Political freedom (accurate and fair elections, right to vote, express one’s beliefs, form groups and campaign)
			* Human rights (individual rights of life, freedom, and the ability to own property, education, good health, etc.)
			* Education (including for girls) gives people opportunities to be successful AND the country’s leaders to make good decisions on running the country
			* Good health and nutrition helps people live longer, have better lives, and contribute more to the country and economy
			* Law code that preserves order and respects individual rights
			* Consider the causes of conflict (PEGS) and be sure to choose the best systems and solutions to ensure peace
			* Consult your *“signs of a successful society”* for more ideas