**Country Creation Project**

**How does location (climate, physical features, & natural resources) affect population distribution?**

**Your task:** You will be creating your own country to show your understanding of how location and natural resources affect population distribution (where people live).

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Draw the outline of you country (make sure it is big, but not the whole sheet of paper).
2. Decide where you are going to put the following **LOCATION** features:
   * Pick one—MOUNTAIN RANGE or DESERT
   * Include a fresh water source—RIVER, LAKE, or both
   * Part of the country should be ARABLE LAND (the European Plain is an example)
   * Include 5 natural resources (that have been discussed in class)—LUMBER, MINERALS, OIL, COAL, etc.

Making decisions about your **POPULATION**—where would your people live?

**\*\*\*\***Make sure you make decisions about the following are based on the **LOCATION** features.**\*\*\*\***

1. Choose where you would put your major city center (your capital city).
2. Choose where you would put two minor (smaller) cities (these will probably be based on the location of your natural resources).

**REMEMBER**:

* Make it colorful in a meaningful way.
* Compass rose
* Map key for every symbol (colors, natural resources, city symbols, jobs, etc.)

**CLIMATE:**

1. On the back of your map, you will need to write a paragraph, using what you have learned in Language Arts, to describe the climate of your country. Be sure to include:

\*Seasons

\*Dry, Wet, Humid, etc. areas of your country

\*Positive and negative aspects