

**Project Assignment 2 – Population and Economy of your Island/Country****Total 25 points – Due Thursday 10/1/15****Instructions to turn in:**

- 1) These assignments must be TYPED
- 2) Student information: Name, student ID, MET 102 Fall 2015, Date all on their own line - in the upper Right Hand Corner
- 3) Title as described in the assignment (replace “your Island/Country” with the actual name of your Island/Country.
- 4) Times New Roman
- 5) 12 pt font
- 6) 1 inch margin
- 7) Page numbers in the lower Right hand Corner

**1. (2 points) Cultural Sub-Region**

- a) To which cultural sub-region does your island/country belong? Melanesian, Micronesian, or Polynesian?
- b) Provide a general description of your cultural group. (4-5 sentences minimum)

**2. (1 point) Ethnic Groups**

What is the current general ethnic make-up of your island/country? (e.g. Polynesians, Europeans, Asians)

**3. (2 points) Initial colonization (approximate)**

- a) Based on some of the figures in previous lectures or online sources, approximately when did humans first reach your island/country? If you can't find a specific date (which is likely) you can provide a range. For more information and colonization estimates see:

<http://www.transpacificproject.com/index.php/european-exploration-and-colonization/>

- b) What region did your island/country's people migrate from?

**4. (3 points) Time of European colonization or “discovery” (approximate)**

- a) Based on some of the figures in previous lectures or online sources, approximately when Europeans reach your island/country?
- b) Which European country made contact and/or colonized your island?
- c) Is your island/country still connected to/governed by the European colonizing country? If so, in what way?

**5. (4 points) Current Population Estimates**

- a) What is the current population of your island/country?

b) What is the current population of the capital or main city? *(let me know if you can't find the info)*

c) What percentage of your overall population live in your island/country's capital city?

d) Based on your last assignment what is the rough population density of your island country? Use the area in km<sup>2</sup> or miles<sup>2</sup> that you reported in the last assignment. (Note: It's not going to be 100% accurate for most countries since many people are located in cities and not rural areas.)

## **6. (1 point) Language**

What language (or languages) are spoken in your country? What is the traditional language? Are there other languages that have been imposed through European colonization?

## **7. (2 points) Government & General Politics**

a) What type of government does your island/country have? Is it a democracy? Monarchy? Tribal?

b) Briefly describe the history of governance, especially if your island region transitioned from European colonial rule.

## **8. (3 points) Dominant Economic Areas**

a) What industries are the foundation of your island/country's economy? (try to find 2-3)

b) Briefly describe the two main industries that provide economic stability for your country.

## **9. (3 points) Gross Domestic Product** *(Note: not the GDP PPP – Purchasing Power Parity value)*

a) What is the gross domestic product for your island/country?

b) How does this compare to the GDP of the United States as a whole? Report as a FRACTION of US.

c) How does this compare to the GDP of the state of Hawaii? Report as a FRACTION of Hawaii.

*(Note: Make sure to try match up the years so you're comparing the GDP from the same year for your island/country and the US, if you can't at least mention which year you are comparing to. You can simply google GDP of XXXXXXXX for information).*

## **10. (2 points) Agriculture**

a) What are the dominant types of agriculture in your island/country?

b) Are any of these agricultural products used for export? If so, which one(s)?

## **11. (2 points) Food & Diet** *(do your best, ask for help if you need it)*

a) What are the main types of food in a traditional diet for your island/country?

b) What are the main types of food in a modern diet for your island/country?