

French Countries Project

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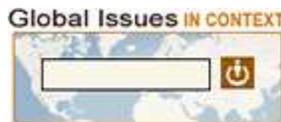
Goals:

To learn about countries where French is spoken.

To share this information with your classmates.

Instructions:

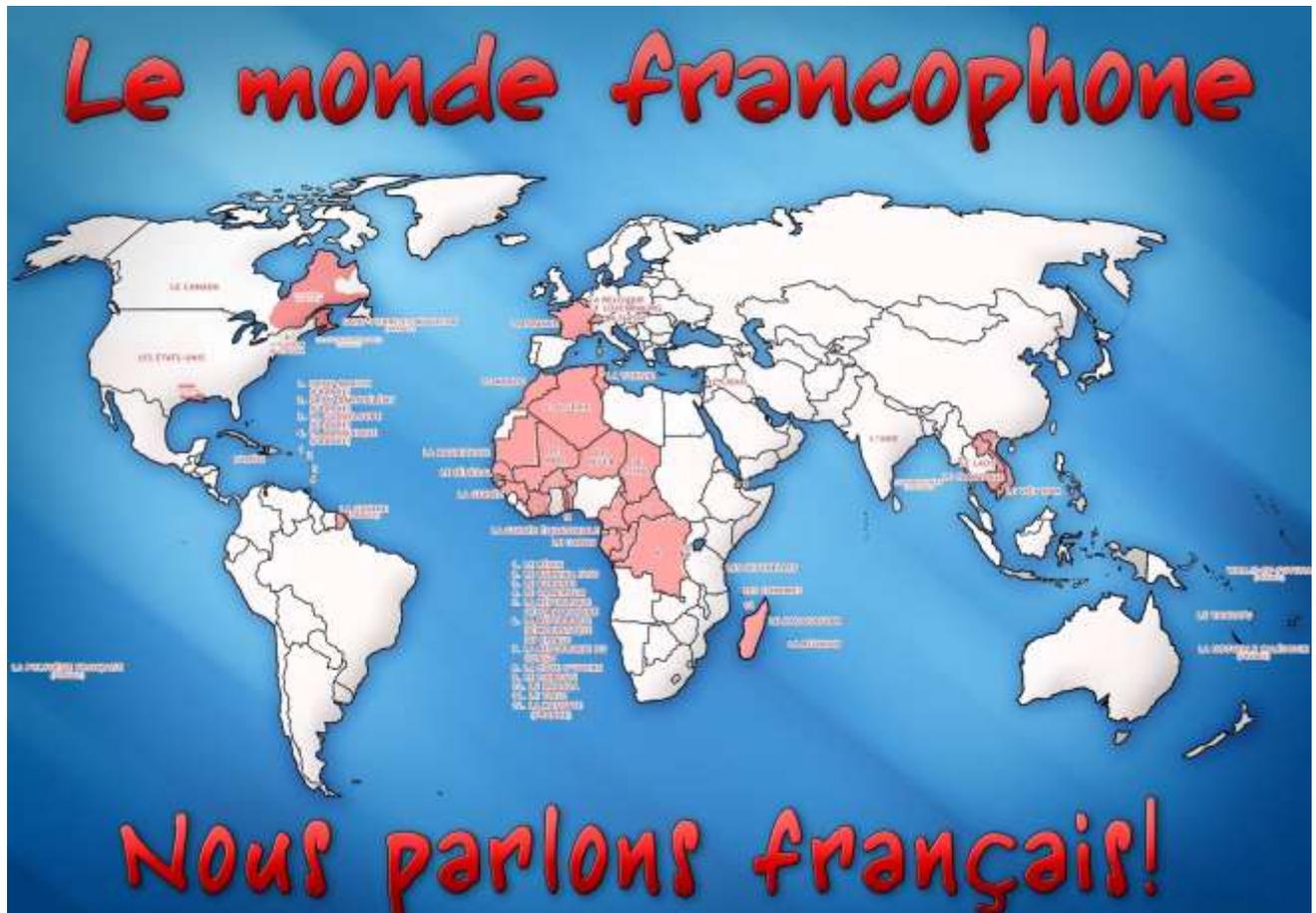
1. You and your group (maximum 3 people) have won a chance to spend a year studying French in one of three countries. To help you make the best decision possible use the library research sources listed below to find out about each of them. Consider at least three of the following:
 - a. Geography (climate, types of landscapes, nearby bodies of water, recreational opportunities etc)
 - b. Culture (food, non-French languages commonly spoken, national sports, music, festivals, religions, history, art, literature etc)
 - c. Politics (type of government, stability, crime rate, openness to foreigners etc)
 - d. Famous people (musicians, actors, politicians, athletes, etc)
 - e. Current events (natural disasters, economic development, elections, industries etc)
2. The following online and print sources have high quality, current information and are available through the **Library & Resources** menu on the school website. Select the **Research Toolkit**:



3. As you collect information about your countries keep track of your notes and the sources you have used so you will be able to easily write your list of **Works Cited**.
4. Refer to the library webpage **Cite It Right** for a list of websites that provide **copyright free images**. This page also has guides to help you with your **MLA style Works Cited** list.
5. You and your group will need to **justify your choice**. What attracts you to the country you have selected? What are the drawbacks of the other two?

To help you get started, here is a list of countries where French is an official language.

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| 1. Belgium | 9. Democratic Republic of Congo | 18. Mali |
| 2. Benin | 10. Cote d'Ivoire | 19. Monaco |
| 3. Burkina Faso | 11. Djibouti | 20. Niger |
| 4. Burundi | 12. France | 21. Rwanda |
| 5. Cameroon | 13. Gabon | 22. Senegal |
| 6. Central African Republic | 14. Guinea | 23. Seychelles |
| 7. Chad | 15. Haiti | 24. Switzerland |
| 8. Comoros | 16. Luxembourg | 25. Togo |
| | 17. Madagascar | 26. Vanuatu |
| | | 27. Vietnam |



Evaluation:

Criteria

Undeveloped	Developing	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
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Process

Notes (broad and detailed)

Works Cited (extensive sources, quality citations)

Group dynamics (team attends, cooperates, shows effort, demonstrates focus)

Content

Three countries compared accurately

Three factors considered in detail

Organized logically (topics reviewed clearly describe countries, conclusion clearly states team’s choice)

Rationale for choice shows considered thought

Presentation

Easily heard

Looks at audience

Uses expressive speaking voices

Visually engaging PowerPoint (uncluttered, image-centered)

Clearly and effectively illustrates key points

What you need to hand in:

- Detailed notes on the three counties you considered
- Written rationale for the country you chose in the end, with clear reasons why.
- PPT Presentation
- Works Cited list –formatted accordingly (see library website for help/tips)