



# PLACES, SPACES, & FACES Freshman House Integrated Project



The goal of this project is to introduce you to the people, cultures, and geographic places of the world. It is important to understand that where somebody lives affects their physical environment, and who and what they are surrounded by. While the tasks provided will review, or introduce, content related to each of your courses, it is also a main goal to show how all these factors influence the culture of a people, and how they interact with their environment.

**Directions:** Each student, or group, will be assigned a city. You will then answer all questions, and complete all activities using that city's geography, culture, and biome as the basis of your answers.

## **The Cities:**

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| 1. Beijing   | 4. Jakarta      | 7. Sydney    | 10. Johannesburg | 13. Lima     |
| 2. Leningrad | 5. Point Barrow | 8. Jerusalem | 11. Cape Town    | 14. Santiago |
| 3. Oslo      | 6. Cairo        | 9. Brussels  | 12. Chicago      | 15. Honolulu |

## **Part I: World History (PLACES)**

1. What are the absolute (latitude and longitude) and relative (what feature/country is it near) locations of your assigned city.
  - a. Absolute location (latitude and longitude):
  
  
  - b. Relative location (what feature/country is it near):
2. Describe the physical (natural) and human (man-made) characteristics found in each city.
3. How does religion play a role in each city?
4. Describe one of the elements of culture for each city. (Customs and traditions, language, social structure, government, economy, religion, arts and literature)

## Part II: Biology (SPACES)



Background information:

Biomes are large geographic regions of the world that have a consistent climate (long-term weather patterns), and vegetation. The climate and vegetation are due mainly to the amount of rainfall (or snow) an area gets, along with the temperature range that region experiences (i.e. Brazil is warm all year round, and gets lots of rain, so it is a tropical rainforest). The climate experienced by a biome is most closely linked to its latitude, or distance from the equator. Furthermore, due to the consistent climate and vegetation, specific types of animals are associated with the biomes that they are adapted to (i.e.: monkeys in tropical rain forests).

1. Determine what type of biome your city is in (if there is more than one biome associated with the city/country, try to pick the most appropriate one).

2. Describe the biome: (Try to find/use metric measurements when possible.)

a. Annual precipitation (yearly rainfall):



b. Annual temperature range:

c. Approximate latitude of biome:

d. Main examples of biome vegetation:

e. Several examples of representative animals:



### Part III: English (FACES)

#### Background information:

The religion of a group of people is often based upon geographical location and natural biome associated with that culture, because that affects how they view and interact with the world around them.

1. What is the predominant religion of your assigned city?
2. Give a brief description of the major characteristics/beliefs of that religion.
3. Which of the five holiest books serves as the basis of belief: the Bible, the Koran, the Dharma, the Vedas, or the Torah?

