

Agronomy 350 – Spring 2009  
Class Preparation/Participation Guidelines

**Prior To Class:**

1. **Read background materials** on the nation to be presented. The U.S. Department of State country **Background Notes** are excellent and may be found at

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

however you may also use other sources (e.g. Google / Wikipedia country profile etc.). The U.S. Department of State home web page is also linked through the AGRY 350 course web site.

2. **Write two thoughtful questions** (pertaining to the nation / culture to be presented) **at the top of the paper you'll turn in as your class outline** at the end of each class period.

3. **Write two pre-class perceptions you had of that nation / culture, also at the top of your class outline paper for that period.**

4. Using practice maps distributed in class, **learn the names and locations of the nations in the region** being presented. Map quizzes will be administered in class as announced ( 80% or greater mastery required ). Map quizzes may be retaken during hours of operation in the Agronomy Crops Resource Center ( 2-417 Lilly Hall ) without penalty until the 80% goal is achieved.

**In Class:**

1. Listen actively and **outline carefully the key points** shared by the speaker in each class presentation. Please practice conveying respect for your guest speakers who come to you from very diverse cultures around the world.

2. As opportunity presents, please ask questions in class. Your questions will stimulate great discussion for all.

3. **Note at the end of your outline or circle in the body of your outline, two key things you learned or perceptions you had of the nation / culture presented which changed as a result of that day's presentation.**

Please contact Dr. Schweitzer to request an excused absence and to receive the makeup assignment if it is necessary for you to miss a class for a valid reason such as illness or family emergency.