

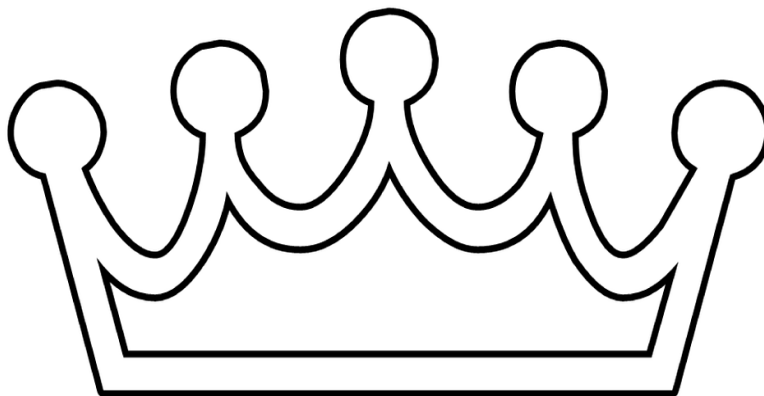
SELF EXPRESSION My Own Country

In traveling the world, you might find things you like and things you don't like. You might find yourself saying "If I had a country, I'd do things differently!"

Here is your chance.

Design a country of your very own.

You will find a country building brainstorm sheet attached, but don't let it limit you. Think grandly or grubbily! Add tiny details or design the grand shape of things!



Country Building Questions

GOVERNMENT

- Who's in charge?
- How is the leader picked?
- Who can question the leader?
- Is there any way to override the leader's choices?
- Who makes the rules?
- Does everybody have to follow the same rules?
- What happens if someone breaks a rule?
- Are there any rules that you want your country to start with?
- Do the people in your country have an un-arguable right to any things or privileges?

GEOGRAPHY

- What is each season like in your country? (What is the climate like?)
- What kind of animals are native to your country? Are there any that don't live anywhere else?
- Are there any ecosystems you really want in your country? (plains, jungles, coral reefs, etc.?)
- Where are the waterways in your country? (rivers, canals, lakes, etc.)
- Does your country have beaches / shipping access to oceans?
- What kind of elevation does your country have? (sea level? Varied? Mountainous?)
- Are there any special landscapes or landmarks that you have as national parks?
- How do your people get around? (roads? Train tracks? Airports? Etc.)
- Where is the capital of your country and what is it like?
- How many big cities do you have? Where will you put them and what will they be known for?
- What parts of your country are set aside for farmland, industrial production, businesses, homes, parks, government business?

ECONOMY

- How do your people get what they need? (barter, money, make it themselves, portioned out?)
- How does your government pay for what it does? (does it have its own businesses? does it tax its people?)
- Does your country have or make extra goods that it trades with other countries?
- What kind of resources does your country have? (fish to catch, metal to mine? Wood to harvest? Good farmland?)
- Is your country known to be the best at making or doing any specific thing or things?
- What kind of crops or animals do you want your farmers to raise?
- What kind of materials do your factories make?
- What kind of life do people with lots of resources live?
- What kind of life do people with not much live?
- What happens if one of your people gets sick or has an emergency?
- How do your people learn their jobs?

FOREIGN RELATIONS

- What is the name of your country?
- What does your flag look like?
- What does your national anthem sound like?
- Do you have a pledge of allegiance? How does it go?
- Do you have a national bird or animal?
- Can people from other countries visit your country?
- Can your people travel to visit other countries?
- What happens if someone wants to move to your country?
- What happens if someone wants to move away from your country?

Instant Country Brainstorm

Draw a map!

Details:

NAME IT! _____

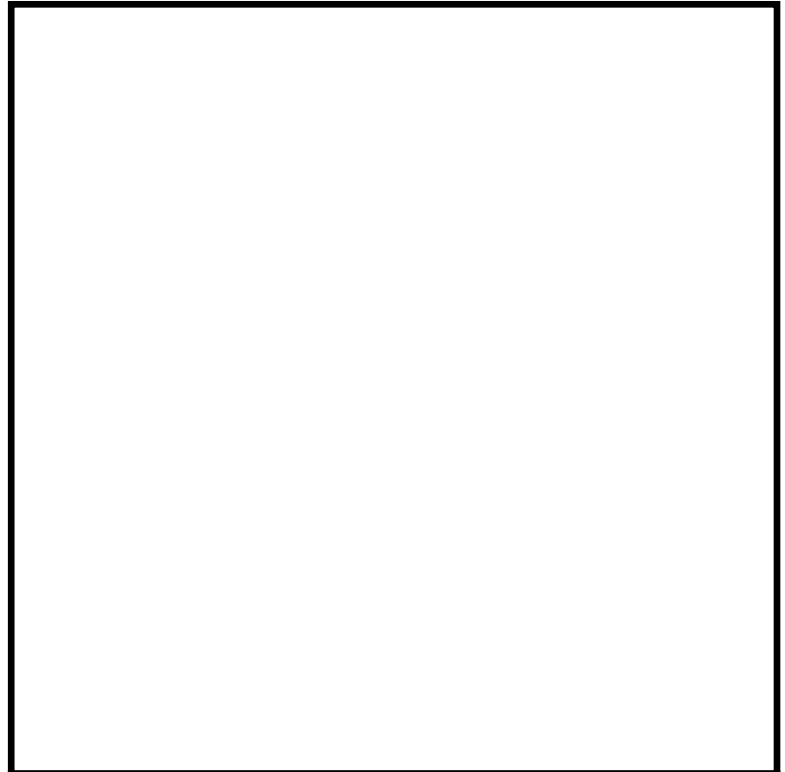
CAPITAL CITY? _____

NATIONAL BIRD? _____

NATIONAL ANIMAL? _____

HOW MANY PEOPLE? _____

NATIONAL ANTHEM? _____



KEY

Rivers=

Cities=

Parks=

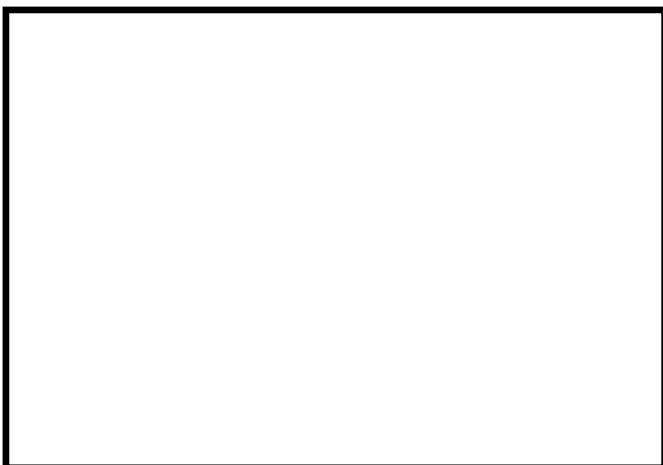
Roads=

Capital=

Mountains=



Who makes the rules?



Design the flag!



How does your country make money?