

DREAM VACATION PROJECT

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INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations! You are going on a dream vacation sponsored by the Milton High School Business Department. Students will work in groups of three to plan their dream vacation. The object is to plan an exciting trip to a non-English-speaking country, without going over your budget of \$_____ per person.

- A. Choose 1 travel destination country (minimum of 3 separate cities within the country)—APPENDIX I
- B. All travel must span a MINIMUM of 4 days.
- C. The group must use **ACTUAL** flight, hotel, food, and transportation cost data.
- D. ALL project documents must be submitted to receive credit for this group project.
- E. Students should be careful to make appropriate document connections (APPENDIX H)
- F. Expenses for the Expenditure Report must be calculated based on ONE INDIVIDUAL.

DAY ONE

Travelers decide who will be responsible for which documents. Each traveler will have primary responsibility for completing a minimum of 4 documents. No changes to the assignment of documents may be made after instructor approval.

DAY TWO

Travel groups will select travel destinations and start your research (see APPENDIX A). Travel destinations may not be changed or traded with another group.

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Students are responsible for creating the following 12 documents for the project:

1. **Passport**-Outline the steps to get a passport to your destination(s). Include any associated costs. Tell whether or not any of your destinations require a visitor's visa, immunizations (which ones), or AIDS/HIV testing. Prepare this document in your word processing software and save it under filename **PASSPORT**.
2. **Travel Itinerary**-Include actual flight information and dates and times of all departures and arrivals (see APPENDIX B). Include all hotels, restaurants, and all places of interest (with address and phone number). Prepare this document in your word processing software and save it under filename **TRAVEL**.
3. **Phrase Book**-Prepare a phrase book in your word processing software. Translate the commonly used phrases in APPENDIX E into the predominant spoken language of your travel destination. Make the document look attractive. You may use tables or column formatting. Use clipart or a graphic from the Internet that is associated with your foreign country. Save this document under filename **PHRASE**.
4. **Expenditure Report**-Prepare an expenditure report in your spreadsheet software and save it under filename **EXPENSE**. Include in this report all daily expenses—airfare, limousine/taxi/rental car or other ground transportation expense, meals, hotel, recreation and sightseeing costs (see APPENDIX C).

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5. **Map of Travel Route**-Import from the Internet, into your Paint software, a map of the countries involved in your travel. Trace your travel route, step by step, in *a contrasting color* using your computer software drawing tool. Draw a rectangle around the major cities visited. Save this document under filename **MAP**.
6. **Currency Exchange Rate Chart**-Prepare a spreadsheet and bar chart in your spreadsheet software that compares the currency exchange rates of the United States dollar, the currency of your travel destination, and the currency of one other country on **5 different dates**. Use dates that fall between the project start and end dates. Use the title “Currency Exchange Rate for (Name of Country).” Label your data labels on the X-axis with the dates that data is gathered. Use a legend for the U. S. dollar and foreign currencies (see APPENDIX D), and name them. Save this document under filename **CURRENCY**.
7. **Travel Flyer**-Create an inviting flyer advertising the trip you are taking for your dream vacation. Prepare this document in your word processing software. Use lots of color and graphics. State the name of your travel destination country, all 3 travel cities, the total trip cost, trip duration (how many days and nights), and departure and return dates. Include names of major hotels and restaurants involved. Make us all want to join you on the trip. Save this document under filename **FLYER**.
8. **Cultural Synopsis**-Prepare a 1-2-page synopsis in your word processing software on the culture of one of your major travel destinations. Be sure to include the following information: population, spoken languages, predominant religion, major exports/imports, paper currency and coins (name and relate to U. S. money denominations), weather during the summer months (June, July, August), and at least one social custom different from the United States. Save this document under filename **CULTURE**.
9. **Places of Interest**-Prepare a description in your word processing software of 5 places of interest you will see and experience during your travels. Descriptions must be a **minimum of 5 sentences** for each place of interest. Places of Interest must **NOT BE CITIES**. Import from the Internet pictures of the 5 places. Save this document under filename **PLACES**.
10. **Works Cited Page**-The group will **COLLECTIVELY** put together a works cited page in your word processing software, which includes all the sources (web sites, books, CD-ROMs, etc.) where information was found by the group (see APPENDIX F). Arrange sources grouped by traveler—each traveler’s sources should appear under their name (first and last name). Save this document under filename **SOURCES**.
11. **Title Page**-Prepare a title page in your word processing software, which includes all travelers’ names, the destination country and cities, “Dream Vacation Project” as the title, the name of the course (Computer Applications), the school semester and year (e.g., Spring 2003), and Internet pictures from

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your travels (minimum of 3). You may also use pictures of the country's currency. Save this document under filename **TITLE**.

12. **Assignment Database**-Create a database table, where you will store information for your travel country plus 2 other countries visited by your classmates (A TOTAL OF THREE). Use the field names below:

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATA TYPE	FIELD SIZE
Country	travel destination	text	20
City	capitol city of country	text	30
Religion	predominant religion of the country	text	20
Language	predominantly spoken language of the country	text	20
Currency	name of currency equivalent to the US dollar	text	20
Cost	total cost of trip in US dollars rounded to the nearest dollar	currency	currency
Date	travel departure date (month, day, and year—mmddyyyy "short date" format)	date/time	short date

Name the table Dream Vacation Assignments. Use the **report wizard** to generate a report from your database. Use ALL the fields in your report and put your name in a header. Save this report under **DREAM VACATION**.

13. **Gather and Submit**-One student in the group will be responsible for gathering and submitting all the documents printed out by the members of their group. This person will place the group's documents in document protectors and insert them into a three-ring binder provided for the project, and submit the binder to the instructor **ON THE PROJECT DUE DATE**.

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VACATION GROUP MEMBERS _____

DESTINATION COUNTRY: _____

TRAVEL CITIES: (minimum of 3) 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

DOCUMENTS

STUDENT NAMES (4 documents per student)

1. Title Page _____
2. Passport _____
3. Travel Itinerary _____
4. Expenditure Report _____
5. Currency Exchange Rate _____
6. Travel Flyer _____
7. Map of Travel Route _____
8. Places of Interest _____
9. Cultural Synopsis _____
10. Phrase Book _____
11. Works Cited Page _____
12. Assignment Database _____
13. Gather and Submit
(NOT A Document!) _____

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APPENDIX A

SOME HELPFUL INTERNET SEARCH TOOLS

Directories (use keyword) and Search Engines (use subject) that operate independently:

1. Alta Vista <http://www.altavista.com>
2. Excite <http://www.excite.com>
3. Hotbot <http://www.hotbot.com>
4. Infoseek <http://www.infoseek.com>
5. LookSmart <http://www.looksmart.com>
6. Northern Light <http://www.northernlight.com>

Directories and Search Engines that operate interactively (use keyword or subject):

1. Magellan <http://www.magellan.com>
2. OneKey <http://www.onekey.com>
3. Yahoo <http://www.yahoo.com>

Multi-search Engines ("Meta Engines") that use a number of search engines at once.

1. Inference Find <http://www.infind.com>
2. All-in-one <http://www.allonsearch.com>
3. Dogpile <http://www.dogpile.com>
4. Mamma <http://www.mamma.com>
5. Metacrawler <http://www.metacrawler.com>
6. Metafind <http://www.metafind.com>
7. SavvySearch <http://www.savvysearch.com>

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APPENDIX B

**ITINERARY
OPRAH WINFREY
MAY 3, 2001 TO MAY 5, 2001
CHICAGO TO BOSTON**

Monday, May 3

8:30 a.m.	Leave Chicago	American Airlines Flight #347	Breakfast
10:40 a.m. (Boston Time)	Arrive Boston Taxi to Tremont Plaza Hotel (Confirmation #S783012)		
2:00 p.m.	Meeting with Lum Video, Inc. Executive Limousine all day 678 Bolyston Street (864-8251)		

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 a.m.	Meeting with Lum Video, Inc. Executive Limousine all day		
1:00 p.m.	Meeting with Lacey Disk Company 9 Fremont Avenue (755-3929)		
7:30 p.m.	Dinner meeting One Sutter Place Association of Entrepreneurs		

Wednesday, May 5

10:20 a.m.	Leave Boston Executive Limousine to airport	American Airlines Flight #743	Brunch
2:00 p.m. (Chicago Time)	Arrive Chicago		

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APPENDIX J

DREAM VACATION PROJECT INSURANCE POLICY

I, _____, fully understand the guidelines under which the Dream
(print your name here)
Vacation Project is to be completed. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I will receive a group grade for the
project. ALL students share responsibility for ALL documents, as this is a group project. It is my responsibility
to inform my teacher **IMMEDIATELY** if someone in the group is not completing their documents as
designated by the group. In that case, it is the remaining group members' responsibility to pick up the slack
for students who may not be completing their documents. ALL 11 documents still must be turned in to get
credit for the project. However, my teacher will take such events as this into consideration during the grading
of the project, and **NOT PENALIZE** the remaining group members who did their assigned work.

(student signature)

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APPENDIX E

Phrase Book

Greetings



Hello.

Good morning.

My name is (Your Name).

How are you?

Thank you very much.

What is your name?

Do you speak English?

I don't understand.

You're welcome.

Good-bye.

Excuse me.

Recreation



What is the admission cost?

Would you like to dance?

Lodging



How far is the hotel?

I have reservations.

What time do they serve lunch?

Where is the hotel?

Where is the bathroom?

Shopping

Where are the shoes?

How much does it cost?

Where is the jewelry?

What size is this?

Do you have any other colors?

Red?

Black?

White?

Blue?

Green?



Dining



Bring the check.

How much is the check?

I need more water.

I need the menu.

Numbers



One, two, three, four,

five, six, seven, eight,

nine, ten, twenty, fifty

one-hundred, one thousand

What time is it?

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APPENDIX F

WORKS CITED

1. Guide to Grammar and Writing. Capital Community-Technical College.
2 May 2002 <www.webster.commnet.edu/HP/pages/grammar.html>.
2. Free Translation for Students. Trusty Translation Services, Inc.
5 May 2002 <www.translation.biz>.
3. Ticket Reservation Service. Gullah Travel Corporation.
30 April 2002 <www.packyourbags.net>.
4. Social Customs. Worldwide Cultural Consortium.
10 May 2002 <www.socialcustoms.com>.
5. Johnson, Reginald, Basket Weaving Made Simple: An Instruction Book for the Novice.
New York: Random House Publishing, 1999.
6. Marcus, Sibyl. Baskets of the world: A Cultural Survey. New Jersey: Prentice Hall
Press, 1998.

To reference a web site include the following information:

1. Title of the web site (use "Homepage" for a site with no title).
2. Name of the organization sponsoring or associated with the web site
3. Date when you found this source
4. Web site address

To reference a book include the author, book title, city of publication, publisher, and copyright date.

To reference an interview, include the name of the person interviewed, company, and date of the interview.

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Travelers Names: _____ Period _____

1. _____
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APPENDIX G Grading Rubric

Grade = _____ /110 = _____

Assessment Area	Possible Points	Self-Assessment	Teacher Assessment
Research travel destinations (Places of Interest)	10		
Demonstrate understanding of geography (Map Route)	10		
Demonstrate an understanding of currency measurement (Currency Exchange Rate)	10		
Illustrate an understanding of the culture (Cultural Synopsis)	10		
Utilize foreign language skills (Phrase Book)	10		
Effective communication and logical sequence (Passport)	10		
Compliance with budget constraints (Expenditure Report)	10		
Realistic travel plans (Travel Itinerary)	10		
Disclosure of source materials (Works Cited)	10		
Originality and creativity in graphical design of materials (Travel Flyer/Title Page)	10		
Illustrate basic facts about foreign countries (Assignment Database)	10		
Total Possible Points	110		

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APPENDIX C

EXPENDITURE REPORT

DATE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	SNACKS	TOTAL MEALS (\$ US DOLLAR)	TOTAL MEALS (FOREIGN CURRENCY)
June 1						
June 2						
June 3						
TOTALS						

OTHER EXPENSES	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	TOTAL (\$ US)	TOTAL FOREIGN
CAR RENTAL								
OTHER LAND TRANSPORTATION (taxi, limo, rail, bus, etc.): _____								
OTHER LAND TRANSPORTATION (taxi, limo, rail, bus, etc.): _____								
OTHER: _____								
LODGING								
RECREATION, SIGHTSEEING, & SHOPPING								
PASSPORT/VISA								
COMMERCIAL CARRIER								
TOTALS								
GRAND TOTAL FOR TRIP (MEALS PLUS OTHER EXPENSES)								

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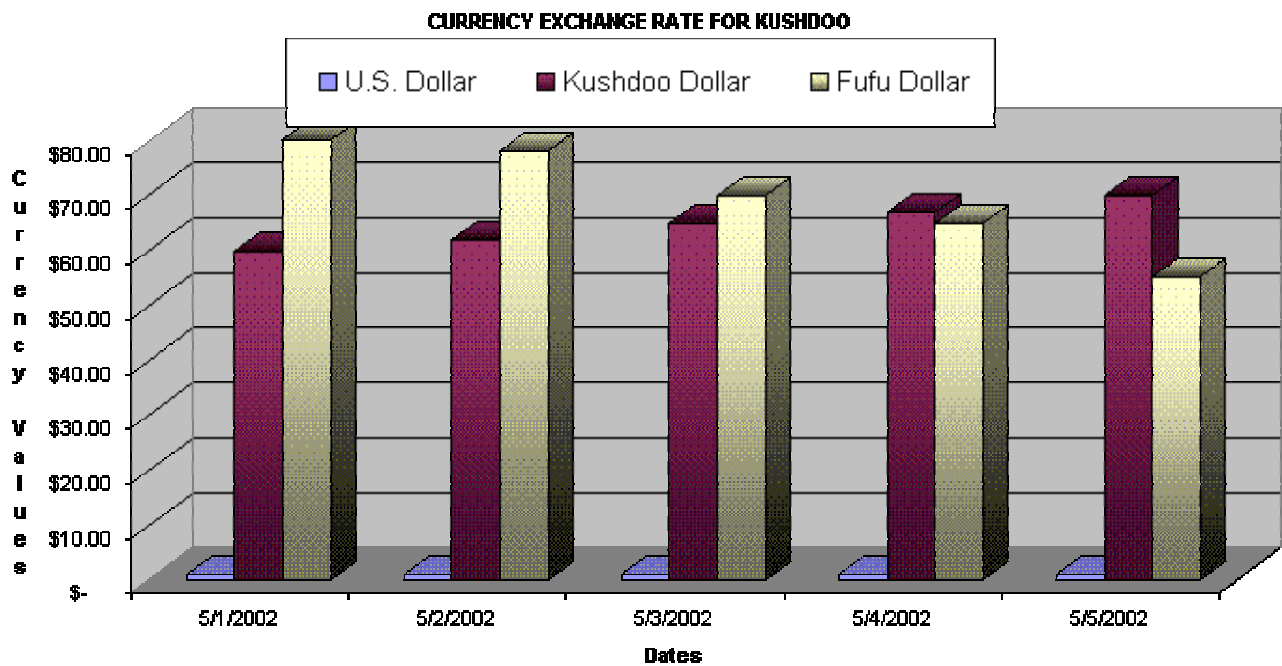
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APPENDIX D

Currency	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
U.S. Dollar	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Kushdoo Dollar	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 70.00
Fufu Dollar	\$ 80.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.00



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APPENDIX H

APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT CONNECTIONS

PROJECT DOCUMENTS	CONNECTIONS
Expenditure Report & Travel Flyer	Make sure that the total cost of the trip matches on both these documents.
Map of Travel Route & Travel Itinerary	Make sure that all cities listed on the Itinerary appear on the map.
Places of Interest & Travel Itinerary	Make sure that all places of interest appear on the Travel Itinerary
Cultural Synopsis & Phrase Book	Make sure that the predominant spoken language named in the Cultural Synopsis is also the same language used for the Phrase Book.
Cultural Synopsis & Currency Exchange Rate	Make sure the currency named in the Cultural Synopsis is the same currency that is used for the Currency Exchange Rate document.

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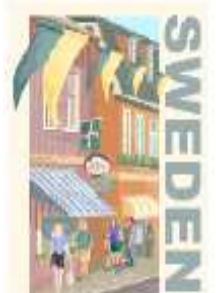
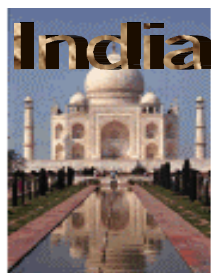
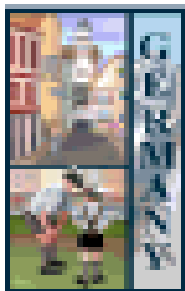
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APPENDIX I

LIST OF TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Argentina
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Denmark
Egypt
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
India
Italy
Japan



Kenya
Korea
Mexico
Netherlands
Norway
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Romania
Russia
Singapore
Spain
Sweden
Thailand
Tanzania
Uruguay
Venezuela
Zimbabwe