A stylized world map with continents in various colors (green, yellow, orange, purple, pink) and oceans in light blue. The map is the background for the entire page.

# BOOK 3

## *Exploring the*

# WORLD

**ASSIGNMENT**



# FRANCE & INDIA

Reading & Comprehension

**10 Questions & Activity**

**7**

**Pages**

**Ages**

**10 to 12**



# Assignment Title: "World Explorer Journal"

## Objective:

To develop research, writing, and critical thinking skills while fostering an appreciation for global cultures and geography.

## Materials Needed:

- Notebook or digital document for journal entries
- Access to a library or the internet for research
- Art supplies like colored pencils, markers, and glue
- Printable world map (for marking researched countries)
- Optional: Access to multimedia tools for creating digital presentations

## Detailed Instructions:

1. **Select Countries:** Begin by choosing three countries from different continents. This diversity will provide a broad perspective on various cultural and geographical contexts.
2. **Detailed Research:** For each country, conduct detailed research to explore several key aspects:
  - **Geography:** Locate the country on a world map. Describe its climate, major physical features (like mountains, rivers, lakes), and any natural wonders.
  - **Culture and Society:** Research the everyday life of the country's people, focusing on languages, religions, typical dishes, dress codes, and family structures. Include information about music, dance, and other forms of art that are popular in the country.
  - **History:** Outline significant historical events, the development of the country over time, and influential historical figures. Mention any famous inventions or contributions to the world from this country.
  - **Government and Economy:** Provide a brief overview of the country's government type and its economy. What are the main industries? What are they known for producing or exporting?
  - **Interesting Facts:** Find and present unusual or lesser-known facts that make this country unique.
3. **Journal Entries:** Use the following structure for each country's entry in the World Explorer Journal:
  - **Introduction:** Write a paragraph introducing the country.
  - **Detailed sections** for each research point.
  - **Personal Reflection:** Reflect on how this country's culture or history differs from or is similar to your own. Discuss what you would like to explore further and why.



4. **Creative Additions:** Encourage creativity in the journal:

- Draw or paste pictures that represent different aspects of each country's culture or geography.
- Include a small craft or project, like making a miniature flag, creating a traditional craft, or preparing a simple recipe from the country.

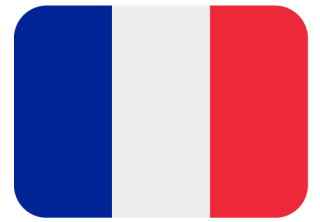
5. **Classroom Exchange:** Organize a classroom exchange where students present their countries to classmates. Use props, costumes, or food samples to make the presentation engaging.

6. **Final Reflection:** At the end of the journal, ask students to write a final reflection on what they learned from the project, how their perspectives on the world have changed, and what new interests they have developed.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- **Research Depth:** How well-researched and comprehensive are the journal entries?
- **Creativity and Presentation:** How creatively are the entries presented? Are there illustrations, crafts, or additional projects?
- **Engagement and Reflection:** How well does the student articulate their reflections and engage with the material?
- **Accuracy:** Are the facts presented accurate and well-supported by sources?

This expanded version of the assignment will not only enhance students' knowledge about different parts of the world but also improve their research and presentation skills, encouraging a more informed and compassionate global perspective.



## 5. France

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### France

#### Description:

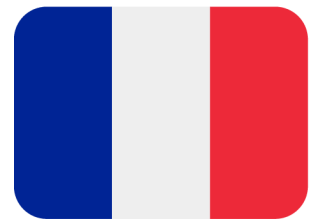
France, located in Western Europe, has a population of about 67 million people. It is one of the most visited countries in the world, known for its culture, art, history, and food. France's history is filled with important events, including the French Revolution in 1789, which introduced democracy and

Champagne producing some of the best wines in the world. Fashion is another significant French culture, with Paris being a global hub for designers and trends.

France's landscapes are as varied as its culture. The country has snowy mountains in the Alps, sunny beaches on the Mediterranean coast, and beautiful lavender fields in Provence. The Riviera is a luxurious destination, while historic sites like Mont Saint-Michel attract tourists. France celebrates Bastille Day on July 14th, marking the start of the French Revolution. It is celebrated with fireworks, parades, and parties across the country.

#### Questions:

1. What is the population of France?
2. Name three famous landmarks in Paris.
3. What foods are France known for?
4. What is Bastille Day, and when is it celebrated?



5. What is Paris known for in the world of fashion?
6. Name three types of landscapes found in France.
7. What are two famous wine regions in France?
8. What is the French Revolution, and why is it important?
9. What is Mont Saint-Michel?
10. Why is the French Riviera popular?

## Activity:

Draw the Eiffel Tower or create a French flag using colored paper.

### **DRAW A FRENCH FLAG**





## 6. India

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **India**

#### **Description:**

India, located in South Asia, is the second-most populous country in the world, with over 1.4 billion people. Its history goes back thousands of years to the Indus Valley Civilization, one of the oldest in the world. India is a diverse country with over 20 official languages, including Hindi and English, and many religions such as Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism.

One of India's most famous landmarks is the Taj Mahal, a white marble mausoleum built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife. India is also known for its colorful festivals. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated with lamps, fireworks, and sweets, while Holi, the Festival of Colors, is marked by people throwing colored powders at each other.

Indian food is loved worldwide for its spices and flavors. Dishes like curry, biryani, and samosas are popular. India is also the world's largest producer of tea. Bollywood, India's film industry, produces more movies than any other country, making it a leader in global cinema.

India's geography includes the snowy Himalayas in the north, deserts in the west, and tropical beaches in the south. The Ganges River, considered sacred, is an important part of India's culture and religion.

#### **Questions:**

1. What is the population of India?
2. Name two official languages spoken in India.



3. What is the Taj Mahal, and who built it?
4. What are Diwali and Holi?
5. Name three popular Indian dishes.
6. What is Bollywood?
7. Name three types of landscapes in India.
8. What is the Ganges River, and why is it important?
9. What is India the largest producer of?
10. How old is the history of India?

### **Activity:**

Draw a Rangoli pattern or create a Diwali lamp using colored paper.

### **DRAW AN INDIAN FLAG**