

Asian Studies – Fall 2006
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2d quarter project:

Independent country research and presentation

Papers DUE: December 12, 2006

Presentations: December 13-14, 2006

The class will be divided into pairs to research individual countries in Asia not specifically addressed in the class. Each pair will:

- produce a website to present to the class;
- select, research, present a scholarly article on the country;
- present a map describing an issue facing the country

These three grades will account for 33.3% of your semester grade.

Assignments:

Country	Students	
Burma/Myanmar		
Vietnam		
Tibet		
Thailand		
Malaysia		
Philippines		

maps:

Map Presentations: Friday, 12/1/2006

Each pair will find or create a map that presents a critical issue facing to your country. Plan to share your maps with the class (they should be large enough to be viewed by the class or have copies to distribute). The library has an atlas of China that might give you ideas on what to focus on. The library will also provide other atlases.

We will meet in the library several times to work on this project: Tuesdays, November, 14, 21, and 28.

Scholarly article:

Articles distributed: Friday, December 1

Seminar discussions/presentations: December 6-8 (2 a day)

Each pair will find an article related to their country by academics and presented in a peer-reviewed scholarly journal (e.g. *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Foreign Affairs*, *American Historical Review*). A search on Proquest by country and journal name would be a good place to start. Or you can use Google's "Scholar" search program. For more specific ideas you might check out UC Berkeley's virtual library on Asian Studies:

<http://vlib.org/AsianStudies>

Each pair will be responsible for presenting their article in a seminar setting. What is the topic of the article? What position do the authors want to convey? What is their evidence? How convincing is it? What are three issues the article raises? What questions did it bring up? Be prepared to provide copies of the article to fellow students.

Website:

Presentations: December 12-14 (2 a day)

As experts on your country of choice, you will need to educate your colleagues with your new found expertise. To do so you will make a presentation from a website we will attach to my main website. You will need to send me the Dreamweaver files so I can post them before class. The websites need:

- 1) map visual of country
- 2) historical background on the country with pertinent demographic information
- 3) details of one main defining moment in history with 3 supporting visuals.

In addition to the days in the library, the class will have specific times devoted to preparation of the website in the emacs lab. If you have never worked with Dreamweaver, I will work to ensure you have support from the technology department and myself. Days in emacs lab are: November 28 & 30 and December 5.