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TWO MINUTE TUESDAYS -global, independent study guided by self interest and the 5 themes of geography

What's going on in the news? See something on TV that makes you sit up and take notice? Read an article on a news app? Hear your folks talking about something that caught your attention? Get online and find out more, then bring that area of interest to class with a two-minute presentation on Tuesdays.



PART ONE—the current event article

- Find an article that prompted your independent study. Print it, copy it, cut it out, or provide the online link.
- Turn the article in to me with a two-paragraph reflection on why you chose the article or what peaked your interest regarding the subject matter discussed. Please make sure your paragraphs are grammatically correct and proofread. If you can, please type.

PART TWO—the presentation

- The article is NOT the presentation; the article is simply the springboard to researching a particular geographical area.
- Your research of that area is the two minute presentation.
- Be prepared to share with the class the particulars in regards to 5 Themes of Geography: (You may need to refer to your notes in the beginning until you are comfortable with these themes.)
 - Location
 - Place
 - Region
 - Human Environment Interaction
 - Movement
 - Provide a visual aid. This is your choice. It can be creative; it can be electronic; it can be something to pass around or handout; it can simply be something to look at on the board.
- Be prepared to speak clearly and audibly. Practice in front of the mirror or maybe with your family.
- Don't wait until the last minute to do your research. A two minute presentation can easily take two hours to prepare, so plan your time accordingly. Half the class will go each week, so you will present every other Tuesday once we get started.
- Share or make reference to a primary or secondary source during your 2 minutes.
- You do not have to have your area of study approved by me, but please try not to repeat studies already presented.
- If you are absent for your scheduled presentation, you will need to make it up before or after school with me. We won't use class time for makeups.

I, _____, understand and have shown my parents the project guide for Two Minute Tuesdays.

Parent Signature







Two Minute Tuesdays Scoring Guide

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PART 1	1	2	3	4
Article	No Article is turned in	Link provided or copy submitted with no date or name of publica- tion from refer- ence.	Copy submitted to teacher for reading and is also refer- enced.	
Reflection Content x2	Minimal effort has been put into reflection.	Reflection is most- ly a summary with little or no person- al connection. Lead AND closing need attention.	Reflection is a combination of thought and sum- mary or lead / clos- ing need attention.	Reflection shares thoughts that are clear and personal in a well organized for- mat. Voice and ide- as are clear when I read it.
Reflection Grammar	5 or more grammar er- rors	3-4 grammar er- rors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, run- on sentence, sub- ject verb agree- ment etc.	1-2 grammar errors in spelling, capitali- zation, punctua- tion, run-on sen- tence, subject verb agreement etc.	Writing is proofread with no grammar mistakes.
Part 1 Total	15			

Part 2 Presentation

TOTAL

PART 2	1	2	3	4
Location	No reference to location	Mentioned location but nothing specific.	Included either an absolute or relative location	Provided an abso- lute and relative location.
Place	No reference to place	Mentioned place but nothing specif- ic.	Mentioned a physi- cal or human char- acteristic.	Mentioned a physi- cal and human characteristic.
Movement	No reference to movement	Shared only one example of how goods, people or ideas get around.	Shared examples of how goods, peo- ple OR ideas get around.	Shared examples of how goods, peo- ple and ideas get around.
HEI	No reference to human environ- ment interaction	Specific examples for one of the three.	Specific examples for two of the three	Specific examples given how humans adapt to environ- ment and likewise
Region	No reference to region.	Mention region but no details.	Mention a region but neglect to men- tion many details.	Describe a region and what specifi- cally unites to de- termine that region
Visual Aid	No visual aid	Visual aid is irrele- vant or of poor qualitydifficult to see etc.	Visual aid is func- tional and present.	Visual aid is eye catching and rele- vant to presenta- tion
Primary Secondary Reference	No mention of pri- mary and second- ary reference.	Primary OR sec- ondary resource is referenced.	Primary and Sec- ondary resource is pointed out.	
Speaker Points	Difficult to hear. Little learning took place for the audi- ence.	Voice was only one of the following: loud, slow, clear	Voice was project- ed clearly and au- dibly, but maybe a little fast.	Voice was project- ed clearly and au- dibly. (loud)
Overall Presenta- tion	Made me say, "You could do bet- ter."	Made me say, "It was okay. Some things need attn."	Made me say, "Good job meeting the criteria!"	Made me say, "WOW! You really worked on this!"
Part 2 Total	35			









