Gathering Information About Nation-States

Follow these steps for each nation-state you visit:

**Step 1:** With your group, go to a visitor center in this nation-state’s capital city.

**Step 2:** Locate the section of your notebook for this nation-state.

**Step 3:** Examine the information and discuss the questions on the two station masters for this nation-state. Use Handout L to compare this nation-state to other nation-states.

**Step 4:** Read the related section of Lesson 18. Then discuss these questions with your group:
- What new information did you learn about this nation-state?
- With everything you’ve learned, do you feel more positive or more negative about this nation-state?

**Step 5:** The scorecard lists several factors for both economic and political success. Give this nation-state a score of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 for each factor. A score of 1 is the highest.

**Step 6:** Return to your seat on the “plane.” Work with your group to complete this section of your notebook. Give each nation-state an overall score in both economic and political success. Add comments to explain each overall score. Include information from at least two factors that you analyzed. Then answer the two questions under the scorecard.

**Step 7:** On the map in your notebook, draw and label three new important facts about the political or economic success of this nation-state. For example, if you learned that this nation-state exports a lot of diamonds, which would help its economy, you might draw a diamond on the map and label it “diamond exports.”