

Geography - UNAP Assignment **(United Nations Assistance Project)**



BIG IDEAS

**The world is a complicated place for many reasons.
Making positive change is difficult.**

**The geography themes of social, economical, political
and environmental are interconnected.**

SUCCESS CRITERIA

**I show critical thinking by evaluating what is the best option for change in Africa.
My thinking and factual support are interconnected.**

I can explain the reasons and impact of the choice I made.

I understand all four themes of geography.

I can organize my form of presentation.

I note sources.

Purpose: To research and reflect on the greatest issues facing Africa.

Task:

A) Research and explain which issue you feel is the number one issue to address in Africa.

B) Research and explain which issue you feel is one issue that is most difficult to address in Africa.

My hope is that these tasks will be read by an economist and Vice President of Research at the CD Howe Institute in Toronto. In the past, he visited later and provide us with feedback and insights.

<https://www.cdhowe.org/our-people/daniel-schwanen>

Process:

- Research will be done in class.
- All work AND notes are to be submitted.
- Students may seek assistance, support, and/or clarification at any point.
- Learning happens through conferences. Use them.
- Project due date is to be determined (likely _____)

Evaluation:

		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use jot notes effectively - Records sources - Facts are relevant 				
<p>Geography content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facts drive the thinking - Facts are relevant - Uses both land and people facts 				
<p>Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rationale makes sense - Many ideas/themes are connected 				

Exemplar

I believe infrastructure is the most important issue to address in Africa. Infrastructure includes: roads, electricity, waste management, communications, etc. According to slideshare.net, 810 billion dollars is needed to support Africa's infrastructure when only \$363 billion is being spent.

For example, electricity is needed for any area of concern from schools to health care to furthering infrastructure. Currently 50% of Africa has inconsistent electrical supply. 16 countries generate less than 1 billion watts of electricity (awesome.good.is). By comparison, Canada generates 613 TRILLION!! watts (electricity.ca). If any change is to be done, Africa needs to be supported to improve the electrical generation.

Another example are roads. If you look at a map of Africa, you will see that most of African countries are land locked. According to siliconafrika.com, countries are doing less trade than 200 years ago. 90% of trade is done by road in Africa (mackinsey.com). If Africa is going to have health care, they need roads to ship the supplies. If Africa is going to have a better economy, roads are needed to ship goods. If we are going to deal with poverty, roads are needed to bring remote towns to having access.

The largest difference between Africa and the rest of the world is infrastructure.