**Web Exercises**

**Chapter 1**

The World Factbook (also known as the CIA World Factbook) is produced by the United States Central Intelligence Agency for the use of U.S. government officials. Since 2008 it has been available only on a website which is updated every two weeks. It provides a two- to three-page summary of the demographics, geography, communications, governments, economies, and militaries of U.S.-recognized countries, dependencies, and other areas in the world.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Compare any two countries of your choice. How might the culture of these two countries be different?

The United Nations Website

<http://www.un.org/english/>

Search the United Nations website for additional information onethnic conflicts, religious conflicts, gender roles, technology migration, and environmental sustainability

A continuing issue for American Indian cultures is sovereignty, or the authority to govern independently within the borders of the [United States of America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_of_America). The Constitution and federal laws grant local sovereignty to tribal nations. This is different than the sovereignty of foreign nations. The federal government uses the term "domestic dependent nations." Visit American Indian websites for any information you can find on sovereignty. Begin your search at: <http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/>

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) has created a Gender Equality Index for the nation-states which are European Union members. Please consult this index (available at <http://eige.europa.eu/content/gender-equality-index#/>) and discuss:

the relevance of the categories involved in the process of gender equality measurement

why some countries are doing better according to the index than others