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Dear History 7 student,

Congratulations on earning TOP SECRET clearance! And just in time... because the government has a problem!

For a while now, we have been using agents like you to make predictions about how geography determines the way people live in different regions, so that we can hide witnesses to international crimes in those regions for their protection. Because of the theory of Geographic Determinism, we assumed agents would be able to analyze maps to provide our crime-witnesses with accurate information.

Today, we received an urgent email informing us that the theory of Geographic Determinism is actually quite controversial! Geography may NOT be able to determine everything about how people live. Are our crime-witnesses all over the world safe? Or do they have false information about the indigenous peoples they’re living with?

We need a better understanding of why some geography predictions are accurate while others are not.

Therefore, we have one final Mission for you:

The Mission:

Step One (which you started): Now that you have TOP SECRET clearance, I can inform you of the indigenous tribe you made predictions about. Today, you will research this tribe using online encyclopedias. Read the articles you find looking for the answers to the questions you made predictions about.

ALERT! Even Secret Agents need to cite their sources. We will create NoodleTool accounts with the outstanding Agt. Munakh in the Library today (she’s deep under cover, so just call her “Mrs. Prendergast” to help protect her true identity).

Step Two (in class and homework): You will use the sources you found to confirm OR disprove your predictions. Make your prediction confirmations very specific, citing examples from the articles. It is okay to be wrong! If you predicted that people will live in tree-houses and they actually live in tents, the government needs to know exactly what those tents looks like, what they’re made out of, etc.
IN CLASS: On the date listed below, using the Library databases, look up articles to confirm your predictions.
HW: Add to confirmations.

Step Three (in class): To be extra safe, we had better consult an additional source: the Internet. Today, you will learn how to find reliable websites. You will find one or two websites to help you finish confirming your predictions. Please enter the sources you find into NoodleTools. Finish confirming your predictions for homework.
IN CLASS: On the date listed below, you’ll learn about researching sources and will continue confirmations.
HW: Finish your confirmations

Step Four (in class on the date listed below): You and your colleague(s) will prepare a Google Slides briefing to inform the U.S. government about which predictions came true and which predictions did not.

- **First**, select the predictions you want to to present. **Each member of the group should present TWO predictions** (one right or mostly right one and one wrong or mostly wrong one). If you are a group of 3, you will select six predictions to present. If you are a group of 2, you will select four predictions to present.

- **Second**, create TWO Google Slides slides for each prediction. This is your homework until the due date.
  - Slide 1 will explain what the predictions was and why you made it
  - Slide 2 will say whether or not it was right or wrong and explain WHY the prediction was right or wrong **using evidence from your sources**

- **Third**: As a group, you will also create:
  - A **title slide** with your Secret Names on it and the name of your indigenous tribe
  - A **summary slide** that answers this question: “What sorts of things can geography determine? What sorts of things can geography NOT determine?”
  - A **bibliography slide** to cite the sources you used to confirm your predictions. You can copy and paste your source citations from NoodleTools into your Google Slides presentation.
This is also your homework until the due date.
I will be leaving you in the hands of Mrs. Belbita, who has been told nothing except for that you are working on a “secret Mission Geography Project” assigned by the mysterious Agent Imity.

PROJECT DUE DATE (when groups present PowerPoint):
Write in here:

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After you present your Google Slides presentation, you must also hand in your completed prediction chart.

Although Mrs. Belbita will be grading your presentations as a “seventh grade project,” both you and I know that you are Secret Agents... and I will be back to watch your presentations... Remember, if you have any specific questions about the Mission, you can email me at agentimity@gmail.com.

Farewell (for now!) young agents,
Agt. Imity