

#6 Portfolio Assignment

Internet Activity: Education Around the World

A. Use the Internet to find information on preschool, elementary OR secondary education in the country you select. **Type a summary (double-space, one inch margins)** of your findings and make sure the following information is included in your paper:

1. Which country did you choose and why?
2. Briefly compare this country with the United States in terms of overall affluence (e.g., percentage of children living below the poverty level) and the overall quality of its health care system.
3. What types of government support are provided for parents with young children, especially single mothers and fathers? How does this compare with the support provided in this country? (In your answer be sure to address issues such as maternity leave, child-care assistance, and health insurance).
4. Overall, how does the educational system of this country compare to that of the United States? (In your answer, be sure to address issues such as the length of the school year, the use of testing, and how the curriculum is set.)
5. Generally speaking, how is preschool education viewed in this country? What percentage of children attend preschool programs?
6. What is a typical preschool program like in this country? Who sets the curriculum? Are preschool teachers licensed by the government? What kind of training are preschool teachers required to complete?
7. Does the government provide financial support for parents to send their children to preschool? Are there any other incentives provided? How does this compare to the United States?

B. **REMEMBER: TYPE AN OPINION** about completing this assignment. This should be labeled as an opinion at the end of your paper. A brief paragraph (few sentences) is sufficient or you may type a longer response if desired. Did you learn from this assignment?