Project 2

Evaluation 32

AP® Comparative Government and Politics   
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*Be sure to include ALL pages of this project (including the directions and the assignment) when you send the project to your teacher for grading. Don’t forget to put your name and I.D. number at the top of this page!*

This project will count for 11% of your overall grade for this course. Be sure to read all the instructions and assemble all the necessary materials before you begin. You will need to compete Parts A, B, C, and D of this project. **Type each part of the project in the spaces provided at the end of this document (scroll down.)**

Part A: Russia

Using the Internet, a library, or other materials, find a PRIMARY source about a political event in Russia. (A primary source is one created at the time an event happened—an eyewitness account, an official document, legislative proceedings, a diary, a speech by a political leader, etc. A secondary source is one written at a later time by a scholar NOT directly involved in the event.)

In a one-to-two page (300–600 word) paper, explain how your source relates to ONE concept or idea in *AP® Comparative Government and Politics*, for example, governmental structures, political processes, policies, attitude, ideology, interest articulation, interest aggregation, public concerns, economics, etc.

Your paper will be graded according to these criteria:

* Summary of what the source is about and what it says. **[7 points possible]**
* Identification of the political concept / idea the source discusses (must be a concept discussed in *AP® Comparative Government and Politics)*. **[7 points possible]**
* Discussion of how the source illustrates the concept or idea. **[7 points possible]**
* Citation of your article in American Political Science Association Style. (The *American Political Science Association Style Manual* is available in most libraries, and this link provides a guide: [*https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pd*f](https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pdf).) Include the citation at the end of your paper. **[4 points possible]**

Part B: China

Using the Internet, a library, or other materials, find a PRIMARY source about a political event in China.

In a one-to-two page (300–600 word) paper, explain how your source relates to ONE concept or idea in *AP® Comparative Government and Politics*, for example, governmental structures, political processes, policies, attitude, ideology, interest articulation, interest aggregation, public concerns, economics, etc.

Your paper will be graded according to these criteria:

* Summary of what the source is about and what it says. **[7 points possible]**
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Part C: Comparison

Using a news website, newspaper, journal, or other materials, find ONE article that discusses a political event in Russia and ONE article that discusses a political event in China. Although your articles will discuss different events, choose articles that address a common theme, for example, power and authority, electoral processes, economics, industrialization, interest articulation, interest aggregation, etc. **(You MUST use different articles than you did in Part A and Part B, although they may come from the same website, journal, or news source.)** Based on your two articles, write a two-page (600 word) paper in which you compare how Russia and China addressed this theme.

Use essay format in your paper. Begin with an introduction that explains the political theme you are discussing. Your introduction should have a THESIS STATEMENT—a personal observation about how Russia and China dealt with the theme your articles discuss. The body of your essay should have two or three paragraphs explaining your thesis (use evidence from your articles). End your essay with a concluding paragraph summarizing what you have said.

Your paper will be graded according to these criteria:

* A clear thesis statement (observation) about how Russia and China addressed the theme you are discussing. **[7 points possible]**
* Explanation of how Russia addressed the theme. **[7 points possible]**
* Explanation of how China addressed the theme. **[7 points possible]**
* Citation of your articles in American Political Science Association Style. (The *American Political Science Association Style Manual* is available in most libraries, and this link provides a guide: [*https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pd*f](https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pdf).) Include the citation at the end of your paper. **[4 points possible]**

Part D: Interpretive Essay

For this part of the project, analyze EITHER Russia AFTER the disintegration of the Soviet Union OR China AFTER the death of Mao Zedong. Has the country become more democratic? Why or why not? Answer this question in a 2–3 page (600–900 word) essay in which you explain and defend your view.

Use a traditional format for your essay—an introductory paragraph in which you introduce your topic and make a clear thesis statement about the development of Russia or China, several body paragraphs that support your thesis, and a concluding paragraph in which you summarize your ideas. Use your course materials, as well as TWO other sources (one PRIMARY and one SECONDARY). **(You MUST use different articles than you did in Parts A, B, and C, although they may come from the same website, journal, or news source.)**

Your essay will be graded according to the following criteria:

* A clear thesis statement (argument) about the development of Russia or China that you support and defend throughout the essay. **[5 points possible]**
* Discussion of how political participation, competition, and liberties have developed in Russia or China. **[10 points possible]**
* Discussion of economic opportunities in Russia or China. **[5 points possible]**
* Use of TWO sources (one PRIMARY and one SECONDARY) in addition to your course materials to support your thesis. Cite your sources in American Political Science Association Style. (The *American Political Science Association Style Manual* is available in most libraries, and this link provides a guide: [*https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pd*f](https://www.macalester.edu/las/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2012/09/APSAStyleGuide.pdf).) Include the citation at the end of your paper. **[5 points possible]**

Project Submission

To submit the project, save this project assignment document. Use the course number, your name, and the project number in your file’s title:

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