

## THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

*Congratulations! You have just won your dream vacation from “Dream Vacations, Inc.” As a new “create your own vacation” promotional, we will finance an expense paid five day vacation to the place of your choice (all participants must travel outside the U.S.). To claim your free vacation, you will be required to submit a trip summary and proposal in advance of your departure, and while on your trip, you must keep a detailed travel log of your adventures to be given to us upon your return to the U.S.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Research report.** Write a one-page overview of your country based on research. In your report pay attention to the following details: location of country, capital and major cities, population, languages spoken, currency, climate, and description of land (topography). ROUGH DRAFT 25 POINTS; FINAL DRAFT 25 POINTS.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Proposal/persuasive essay:** Write a one page essay in which you convince us (Dream Vacations, Inc.) that the country you have chosen is the only place for you AND how much money we need to give you for your trip. As you write, keep in mind the following questions: Why did you choose this country? What about it appeals to you? How much will your plane ticket cost? How long will it take you to get there? Where do you plan to stay? How much spending money will you need? What other things might you do there that will cost money? ROUGH DRAFT 25 POINTS; FINAL DRAFT 25 POINTS.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Descriptive essay:** Describe your country in detail. Help your reader actually see, hear, smell, and taste your experience. Make sure you use “showing” language and sensory language. Write at least one full page. ROUGH DRAFT 25 POINTS; FINAL DRAFT 25 POINTS.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Narrative essay:** Write a travel log or journal detailing everything you did on your trip. Start on day one, telling us about your flight, time of departure, arrival, airlines used, etc. Be as specific as possible using the names of the places you visited, places you stayed, people you met (much of this can be made up). Remember, your trip lasted five days. ROUGH DRAFT 25 POINTS; FINAL DRAFT 25 POINTS.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Oral presentation:** Once everything has been turned in, graded and returned, you will present your trip to the class. You can do this in any way you wish. We will discuss this part at a later date. FIVE – TEN MINUTE PRESENTATION 25 POINTS.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO EARN EXTRA CREDIT POINTS:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_** Create a photo album using pictures from magazines or drawings about your trip. 25 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_** Create a five to ten minute home video of your trip. 25 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_** Prepare a food dish featuring something commonly eaten in your country; share your dish with the class. 25 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS.