



THE AMAZING RACE EXTRA CREDIT PROJECT!

What is it? The Amazing Race is a reality TV show that takes pits 11 two-person teams in a race around the world with a One Million Dollar prize for first place.

Why would I want you to watch this? This show is really cool, fun and exciting! The best part is that it takes racers and viewers on a trip around the world where many different countries will be visited, and many different cultures are experienced.

How do I get extra Credit? It's pretty simple really! You just need to watch the show, which is on Sundays at 8pm on CBS (DVR it if you like, or watch it online at – *check your local listings* - http://www.cbs.com/primetime/amazing_race/) and write up a synopsis (summary) of where they were for that episode, what kind of challenges that had to do, which team came in first, and most importantly what you learned about that country's culture as you watched (Follow and fill in the format on the printed out sheets). **Do this for each episode=20 pts per episode (max of 60 pts total for the semester).**

Also, you can earn more credit by looking up historical information on the country that was visited that week and filling in a separate assignment paper (see printed format).

How much extra credit will I earn?

20 pts per episode (max of 60 pts total for the semester). You must do **both the EPISODE FORMAT & the COUNTRY INFORMATION SHEET.** And, you get to help your grade!

Do I have to watch each episode? No you don't. You can choose to watch all or only one. You can skip shows and start again or however you want to do it. Remember, the more you watch the more you can earn.



Episode Format

1. Where did the racers go to this week? Country _____ Cities (usually there are at least two) _____

2. What kind of challenges did they do and how did it relate to the culture of that country – be detailed!

a. Challenge One - _____

b. Challenge Two - _____

c. Challenge Three - _____

3. Who won this leg of the race? _____

4. What did you learn about the culture and or history of this country by watching this part of the race?

5. What was the most interesting part to you about this leg of the race or the country they were at?



Country Historical and Cultural Information Format Sheet

Use an encyclopedia to find the information or search online. An excellent source for some of the information would be the CIA World Fact Book - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>, or *Encarta Online*, or perhaps even *Wikipedia* for basic info although there is no guarantee that what you see is 100% accurate.

1. What was the country visited? _____
2. Who is the current leader of this country? _____
3. What type of government do they have (i.e., republic, presidential, parliamentary, democracy, monarch, etc – refer to your government chart if necessary)? _____
4. What is the official language of this country? _____
5. What other languages are spoken? _____
6. What is the predominant (main) religion of this country? _____
7. What other religions are prevalent (widespread)? _____
8. What are this country's main ethnic groups? _____
9. What is the population of this country? _____
10. What is the size of this country compared to the United States (just a general comparison) _____
11. On what continent is this Country located? _____
12. What are some of the main features of this country's economy (what does it make, export, etc.)?

13. Give some general relevantly current history of this country (last couple hundred years or so) or something you found out historically that you found interesting (I will know BULL when I read it) – for example has it been in any major wars? Any major revolutions? Underwent any great changes? Been ruled by foreign countries, etc, etc?

