

Part II Group Research Project

Due: Thursday, October 23

Format: The group report should follow the APA style format. This includes a cover page and “works cited” (reference) page, and citations for all reference material. Margins of 1” and a 12 point font are required. The paper should be a minimum of five pages not including the cover and reference pages—it takes more than five pages to get the best score.

The cover page should include all the names and signatures of your group members.

Data should be presented in tables comparing your assigned county to the state average followed by a narrative analysis of what the data mean. As part of the analysis, at least one pie chart should be presented to illustrate a point about the population.

The paper should have an introduction, content, conclusion—a complete, cohesive paper.

In the conclusion of the report, at least two hypotheses should be presented as possible explanations for observations about the culture and diversity of the population. For example, if you observe that your assigned county has a population that is mostly of German ancestry, develop a hypothesis about why this happened.

Required inclusions: The focus of this report is the **ethnic and cultural background** of the population in your assigned county. Included in this analysis is **what factors influenced the particular ethnic groups to come to the county**. For example, did a particular industry, social development, or recruitment effort attract the population. We are interested in diversity in its broadest sense. Background on every identifiable ethnic and cultural sub-group in the county should be included. If your county is almost entirely Caucasian in terms of race, what particular countries and ethnic groups are included in this broader category? What religious groups are represented? Did religion play a role in their migration and influence their communities? Are there identifiable cultural events, buildings, or institutions related to the ethnic heritage of the population? Are there educational institutions that can trace their origins to a particular ethnic group? Are there local food preferences related to the ethnic heritage of the county? Likewise, if there is a large population labeled Hispanic, Asian, or black, look for further breakdowns into more specific cultural groups such as Mexican, Colombian, Chinese, Japanese, Jamaican, Haitian, etc. A map of your assigned county with relative size of communities and the ancestry of the population indicated should be included. Following any data table, provide an analysis of the data from each of these sections. Report any conclusions about how the ethnic heritage of the population shapes the contemporary culture and behaviors of the population.

Remember that the ASC Library has some hardcopy books that contain valuable information for this project.

Report submission: The report is submitted to me in two versions: a printed copy in the format above and an electronic copy sent to me by email. The electronic copy will be posted on our Blackboard site as a resource for the whole class. Also, the group will do a 5-7 minute oral summary of their findings to the class on the due date.

Assessment: This assignment will be assessed as a group activity with all members sharing the points. Members will be given group participation rating sheets to assess the degree of participation of themselves and other group members. Part II (of four) earns 50 points (40 for the written report, 10 for the oral presentation).