**1.  Excel Spreadsheet:***(3 points)*

**Rubric:**

3points: Complete Content / Well Organized - Easy to follow

2points: Complete Content / Not well organized - Difficult to follow

1point: Incomplete Content and/or Really Unorganized.

**(Google:  CIA Factbook)**

Choose a country from Africa, Central America, or Southeast Asia. Include your country name in your post.

Create a five column spreadsheet containing the following geographic, social and economic data for the US and your country using the two most recent years available. Some items will only have one year available and that is fine!  If you are not sure how to set this up, just ask!

*I would recommend that you do this in EXCEL and then attach the spreadsheet to your discussion post.*

1. **Region of the World**
2. **Type of Government**
3. **Population**
4. **Age Structure (%'s)**
5. **Sex Ratio**
6. **Life Expectancy at Birth (Male / Female)**
7. **HIV % - Adult Prevalence Rate**
8. **School Life Expectancy (Male / Female)**
9. **GDP(Purchasing Power Parity)**
10. ***GDP per Capita (PPP) - calculated (GDP / Population)***
11. **Labor Force**
12. **Unemployment**
13. **Inflation**
14. **Debt-External**
15. ***Debt as a % of GDP - calculated (Debt / GDP)***
16. **Exports**
17. **Imports**
18. ***Net Exports - calculated (Exports - Imports)***

**2.  Word Document (2 parts):**

**Part 1:  (3 points)**

**Rubric:**

3 points: Answered all four questions / Well Written / Easy to Follow

2 points: Answered three out of four questions / Fairly Well Written / Less than three grammatical/spelling errors

1 point: Answered one or two questions and/or Many grammatical / spelling errors

**Based on your research discuss the following (One good paragraph for each topic.):**

1.  Tell the economic strengths and weaknesses of the two countries.

2.  Tell whether the countries appear to be in a recession or recovery and explain why.

3.  How would the countries' social situation (Items #1-8) impact the economy?

4.  Explain how the countries might be able to improve their economy by focusing on some of their social problems.

**Part 2: Glossary of Terms:  (1 point)**

In your own words, define all of the social and economic terms listed above.  Keep the definitions simple. Paragraphs are not necessary.

ex. Term: Definition

You do not need to define Region of the World, Type of Government, or Population.