

I had to choose between maths and geography as a school subject for my project. The first thought was: geography, because describing problems about physical geography seemed to be easy and fun for me. However, later I got to know that there is limit 4 people per school subject, so I was afraid i will not be able to write a geography based project. The same time I thought that it may be good as well to write about taxes, inflation or value of things in space of time. Anyway, before I managed to think about it, I realised bookings for geography project are still open, so I checked in and choose to describe Middle East problems. I was happy because this subject seemed to be very interesting to write about.

As a geography enthusiast I knew some facts about this region. I knew about gas and oil resources in this region, war in Syria, Religions which occur here. I also knew some facts about the economy in terms of air transport and situation of Dubai

I will describe how does life here look like today, how it looked earlier and why does it look like that. Middle East is quite a big space, so I think countries here are very different, so It will be fun to describe it. My thesis is: Middle East countries are very differenced.

a) Learning, widening knowledge

I started my work 2 weeks before deadline (11.12) I began by reading articles, news, facts and noting my knowledge. It was quite hard to assimilate new facts, and don't mix them in my mind. Noting what I red was the perfect way to prepare material to introduce in my product.

b) Planning

After studying, I had to plan which form will be the best to show my knowledge. All the physical works fall off, because I have no luck to works like that, and they look bad made by me. The only way was to make a poster, presentation or a video on my computer. Recording a video could be interesting, however poster or presentation seemed to be easier to work on in terms of editing and as well personalising my product. My first thought was that I could make my presentation using google apps, but then I remembered a website we used to use on our IT lessons during primary school. It was called prezi, and i chose it as a website to do my e-poster. The second step was planning my contect. I knew that my main subject are wars, however I decided to bring closer geography of Middle East, economy, religions, local problem and also show some contrasts. Now, I was ready to begin my work

c) Work

I decided to make my job as a scheme. As the template I chose had subjects, topics and subtopics I decided to do by job in a few strict steps which bring me to my aim which is clear and tidy e-poster. The scheme is:

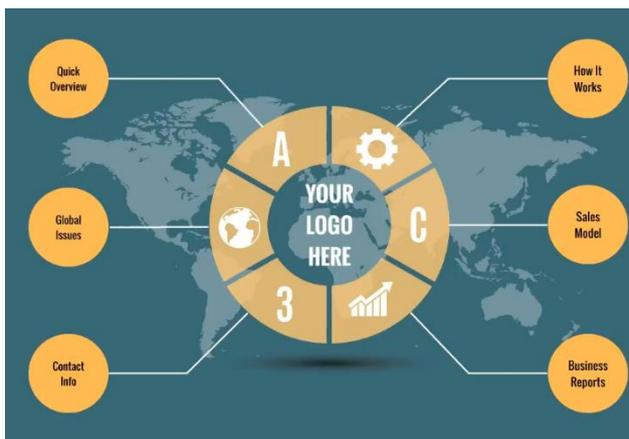
- a) Change the colors on my template
- b) Change symbols connected to each topic
- c) Rename the topic circles seen on main screen
- d) Create subtopics in those circles and if needed more subtopics in them
- e) Note in subtopics what do I want to write here
- f) Read again about this subtopic and fill circle with text
- g) Paste interesting pictures, graphics into subtopics to illustrate my knowledge
- h) Correct typos
- i) Read my text again to make sure its logically fine

I also gave myself some aims to reach about the style of work

- a) Professional vocabulary, no colloquialism
- b) Condensed knowledge, less text, more informations
- c) Fresh and nice colors
- d) Known knowledge sources
- e) Only current conflicts, no history
- f) Pictures to illustrate the problem
- g) Less text, more talking during presentation
- h) Avoid wikipedia in terms of text, seek information in first-hand websites

Using those methods made me feel sure and comfortable creating my product.

The template I chose



My presentation now

Summary

After working on this project I can agree with my thesis, Middle East is a very differenced region, each country has its own history and citizens, there are various religions and as well each country has its own economy. The best example to argument my words are situations in Dubai, Iran and Israel. Dubai is a big city built thanks to easy gas and oil export. There are no poor people in this city, there are modern towers, modern buildings and gadgets like synthetic island. The other situation occurs in Iran, this country has also a lot of gas and oil however due to war exporting oil and gas is very hard, so this country is poor compared to other countries exporting gas and oil. War also affects living standards in this country, because many cities are completely destroyed, people have no place to live, no food to eat and problems with getting medical help. The opposite situation occurs in Israel where is no gas or oil to export, but the country is rich compared to other ME countries thanks to hi-tech economy which expands in Israel. To sum up, we can see that wars completely destroy country economy and living standards and affect trades.

Working over this task was stressful because I knew I want to do it perfect. I was afraid that I will write too little, the presentation will be too short or I will write something which is not real. Especially 3 days before deadline I was very stressed and I knew I have to work more to make it as good as I can.

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