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Imperialism Project

You are the democratically elected president of a 200 square mile island nation known as _____. You have a growing population of citizens who are devoted to the success, prosperity, and defense of the island. As an island nation, you have a strong air force and navy for your protection. However, your army is fairly weak due to the limited space on the island for an Army to train. In addition, the metals/resources needed to modernize the weaponry aren't available on the island. A significant portion of the government's budget is spent importing these supplies because defense is crucial to the island's survival.

You have a growing population on the island. Population growth is important to sustain the island. However, the diet of the people is increasingly dependent on fish from the ocean. Due to the small space available for agriculture on the island and the growing population, the availability of grains, fresh fruit, fresh meat, and vegetables is limited. In order for the people to have them, they must pay exorbitant (outrageous) prices because they are imported. Many people cannot afford them.

Because your island is filled with unique flowers, plants, and trees, you are on the cutting edge of medicinal care and energy sustainability (electricity, fuel efficiency, water). Therefore, you have some of the best hospitals, science programs in schools, and green energy standards of living in the world.

While these accomplishments of the nation are great, the government is increasingly concerned about the areas of growing deficiency on the island. Imperialism is proposed as a solution. As president, you and your advisors have to make many decisions regarding this proposal. To help you organize your thoughts about imperialism, you decide to make some notes on the topic with your advisors.

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Name of My Country: _____

My Country's Government Type: _____

Three Strengths of My Country:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three Weaknesses of My Country:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Greatest Needs of My Country As Determined by the President and Government Advisors:

- 1.
- 2.

Location to Colonize: _____

Why is this location to imperialize best suited to meet your needs?

How will you ensure the locals will cooperate with you? (ex. Force, coercion). Why have you chosen this method?

What concern do you have about imperialism?