**Last Unit review- Team power-point presentations**

Here we are in the early 21st century with all its connection and complexity. I am greatly interested in your opinions of it. For that purpose, our final project will be team power-point presentations on the current issues on this year’s country of focus-

United Arab Emirates

We will divide into 4 groups, and each group assigned with one of the following topics that we discussed in chapter 23 of our Strayer textbook:

* The nature of and impacts of the wealth discrepancy between the "Global North" and the "Global South." How is discrepancy changing and to whose benefit? How does what is happening in the UAE intersect with the neo-liberalism, migration and role of multi-national corporations we discussed in class?
* The status of women's freedoms and feminist responses to these issues. How does the UAE balance its Islamic cultural heritage, opportunities for women and its role as a global transit point of different cultural expectations towards women? Are feminist issues in the UAE the same as in the West?
* The status of and impact from the late 20th century revolt of religious “fundamentalism" against global modernism. Geographically the UAE is in a neighborhood where extremism has torn apart many. How does it engage with this challenge both domestically and internationally? How do cultural, educational, political and military actions show the UAE’s attitude towards this global challenge?
* The impact of global industrialization on the environment and environmentalist global response to that impact. How does the UAE balance its economic growth with responsible stewardship of its environment? What water, power and natural resources challenges does it face? How is it attempting to be a global leader in developing solutions to these challenges?

Some good starting points for info on the UAE

CIA world factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ae.html>

Congressional Research Service article at

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS21852.pdf>

BBC Nation profile at

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-14704227>

English language news from the perspective of the UAE can be found at

 <http://www.thenational.ae/uae>

<http://gulfnews.com/>

Our finished project with be a series of presentations to the rest of the class upon the topics above. This project will be worth **50 points** into your major test average per the expectations on the grade sheet on the next page..

**Final Project Grade Sheet**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ **10 point**- Participation in group discussion on **Friday, May 12th** moderated by Mr. Spedding. Do you know your topic? Have you developed specific research questions you would like to pursue?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ **10 point-** Show Mr. Spedding a minimum of four articles you are using you as your slide source material in class on **Monday, May 15th.**

* **Notes on sources-** Look for reputable info from news organizations, government agencies, think tanks and universities. Look for information, not opinion pieces. Confirm your information by finding it in more than one source. The first items that pop up on your favorite search engine are likely not as reputable as you might like to hope. You are required to have at least TWO sources from a UAE author/perspective.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ **15 points-** INDIVIDUAL slide contributions for the group power-point. They should be accurate, informative, illustrative of your side of the issue, and should include your research and informative pictures. You should have a **minimum of 3 slides** that explain your specific research question, how it fits into the greater topic and how your information helped answer your questions. You should also include links to the articles you used. The slides should be turned in on time as decided by the group and should have your name on them. I can deduct points if your teammates inform me that your slides are late. The completed group power-point must be sent to **Mr. Spedding by 9 AM on May 17th.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ **15 points-** INDIVIDUAL contribution to “team topic” presentation. You should know your information, be clear in presenting it, work well in your team’s overall argument/presentation and should speak intelligently and with detail for between **4 and 5 minutes**.