**WORLD BANK ASSIGNMENT – 50 pts.**

The World Bank is a highly influential entity of the global economy. Researchers working for the Bank study developing nations and recommend solutions towards the country’s “problems.” You will sign up for a country in class, read its latest comprehensive World Bank report (typically called the Country Assistance Strategy [CAS]) at [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org) and analyze it.

*The assignment consists of six parts:*

1. Find and read through the report. You do not need to read it in its entirety, but get a good understanding of the key points.
2. Identify the problems facing the country as cited by the World Bank. Do you feel these are legitimate and ‘solvable’ problems? Why or Why not?
3. What recommendations are made in the report? Do you feel these remedies will alleviate the problems cited in #2? Why or Why not?
4. Write a 1 to 2 page essay on the above questions. Remember to 1) spell check your essay 2) stay on topic and 3) start each paragraph with a good topic sentence.
5. Find a map of your country (online or in an atlas) and attach it to your essay. Be prepared to point out your country on a world map during your presentation.
6. Present your findings to class. You are not required to create a formal presentation, but be prepared to speak for **1-2 minutes** on your findings from the report. You should rehearse what you are going to say and be mindful of the time. *The presentation will make up 10% of your grade.*

Check your schedule for the paper’s due date and when you will present your findings. You are welcome to submit papers via email (mpesses@avc.edu) as attachments (Word Documents or PDFs only please)