Overview: Students will examine the goals and tools used to achieve American foreign policy. They will consider several case studies, evaluate the purpose and effects of foreign aid, and choose a course of action.

Objectives:
• Evaluate the purpose and effect of foreign aid
• Understand political, economic, and social factors involved in forming foreign policy
• Develop critical thinking skills

Directions: Students will act as the Chief Diplomat (President) in deciding where U.S. foreign aid dollars should be spent. The handout “Foreign Aid Case Studies” describes 10 countries that are possible recipients of U.S. foreign aid. Read the descriptions and decide where you would like to devote U.S. foreign aid. The first part of this assignment is to write a formal well-written two paragraph response explaining your reasoning for choosing to place U.S. foreign aid in that particular country. The second part of the assignment is to design a flag that best represents the country that the U.S. is sending aid to.

1. Your reasoning should include the accomplishment of one or more of the following goals:

2. You should also be clear on what tools will be used in order to achieve the U.S. foreign policy goals.

Hints: Essay – The first paragraph should include a brief description of the country chosen to receive the foreign policy and why. Include the goals you want the United States to achieve. The second paragraph should explain the tools that will be used to reach your goals and how the President and Congress must work together in the system of checks and balances. The essay should be written using a header, Times New Roman, 12 point font, and double spaced.

Flag – Be creative, artistic, neat and colorful. Use symbols and illustrations from the country’s description to represent the flag of the country receiving foreign aid. Use plain white 8 1/2 and 11 inch computer paper.
Foreign Policy Case Study

Grading Rubric:

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Writer’s Outline – How to structure your essay.
I – Country

II- Need. (Provide 1 to 2 reasons why the country needs aid)
   A.
   B.

III- Goals – (Only choose to write about the goals that apply to foreign countries situation)
   A.
      1. Tool
      2. Tool
      3. Tool
   B.
      1. Tool
   C.
      1. Tool

IV- Checks and Balances – (What role does the Executive and Legislative branch have in this specific foreign policy)
   A. Foreign Aid
      1. President –
      2. Congress -
   B. Military
      1. President –
      2. Congress –
   C. Treaties
      1. President -
      2. Congress -