**IB Economics Year 2**

**Summer Work**

**Unit 4 – Development**

**World Bank Proposals**

You will be presenting a proposal to the World Bank about your country and your desire to obtain $1 billion as funding. This is due on the first day of school.

To do this, you need to go through the following steps:

1. Identify your country’s current development status via the HDI Index.
2. Pinpoint the major obstacles to development faced by your country.
3. Brainstorm the country’s major assets and areas of potential.
4. Request funds for a specific development project aimed at improving human welfare in the country.

To reach the objectives above, you need to develop a presentation that will be presented during the first week of school. The presentation needs to cover the following topics from the curriculum:

1. Growth vs. development measures in the country
2. Is there a poverty trap in the country?
3. With respect to background information, what are the country’s:
   1. Resource endowments
   2. Climate
   3. Historical background (colonial or otherwise)
   4. Political systems
   5. Degree of political stability
4. GDP vs. GNI vs. PPP levels
5. How do the following factors contribute to development:
   1. Education and health
   2. Technology
   3. Access to credit and micro-credit
   4. Empowerment to women
   5. Income distribution
6. Are there barriers to development:
   1. Over-specialization on a narrow range of products
   2. Price volatility of primary products
   3. Inability to access international markets
7. Is the country adopting any of the following:
   1. Import substitution
   2. Export promotion
   3. Trade liberalization
   4. Working with the WTO
   5. Bilateral and Regional PTA
   6. Diversification
8. Describe the nature of FDI in the economy
9. Does the country use foreign aid? If so, what is the history of foreign aid?
10. Is the country in debt? Is the foreign or local?
11. Does the government use market based or interventionist based strategies? Give at least two examples of each.

Based on the following information (each point should be on an independent slide – taking up to two slides maximum per point),

1. Finally Explain the development project you have in mind that needs the $1 billion loan and why should your country take it from the World Bank vs. the rest of the countries.