

FIELDTRIP ASSIGNMENT NUMBER 1

INTRODUCTION

You will be assigned one of the topics listed overleaf. You will be required to write a chapter of no less than 1,500 and no more than 2,000 words on your allocated topic and also prepare a 5-minute presentation to be delivered during the trip.

WRITTEN WORK

The completed chapter should be posted in the box at the foot of the stairs on or before **5pm on 4th March, 2005** using a fieldtrip cover sheet (which may be downloaded from the Single Honours web site).

The chapters should also be submitted as Microsoft Word files to Dennis Pringle either as an email attachment to **dennis.pringle@nuim.ie** or on a floppy disc. Any illustrations which do not form part of the Word file should be submitted as files using one of the standard graphics formats (e.g. jpg, bmp, tif, etc.). If you wish to use illustrations from books, help will be provided to scan them provided we are informed by 28th February.

The submitted chapters will be compiled into a book and a copy will be given to each student at the beginning of the trip.

PRESENTATIONS

We would hope to get through the presentations in two sessions lasting about an hour or so. It is therefore important that you should stick to your 5 minute time limit. You will therefore need to be very selective as to what to include in the presentation.

Although we may have a computer with us, we do not anticipate having any projection facilities. Your presentation will therefore have to be done without the aid of PowerPoint or overheads. If you wish to refer to maps or diagrams, you should make sure to include them with the Word files so that can invite your audience to refer to them in the book.

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Dennis Pringle

TOPICS

Note all topics refer specifically to Slovenia. Try to avoid the inclusion of general information unless it is absolutely necessary. Also, where relevant, please make sure to identify geographical variations within Slovenia.

1. Geology
2. Landforms in the Julian Alps
3. Soils and vegetation
4. Climatic regions and weather
5. Natural resources (excluding water)
6. Water and groundwater resources
7. Groundwater pollution
8. Surface Karst geomorphology
9. Cave systems
10. Natural hazards: floods, earthquakes, mass movements (e.g. landslides)
11. Population: numbers, demographic structure, distribution
12. Settlement patterns (cities, towns, dispersed or nucleated rural settlements)
13. Ancient history: culture; ethnic composition, languages, religion, cultural heritages
14. Political history pre-Yugoslavia
15. Political history: Yugoslavia + post independence
16. Agriculture
17. Manufacturing industries
18. Service industries (excluding tourism)
19. Tourism
20. Slovenia in the European Union