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- "Review plagiarism with your instructor.
- o Do not use any foul language, but be respectful at all times...
- o CULTURAL MAP... If you are working with one country or in exchange, take time to learn a little about the culture...
- HIGH TECH TO LOW TECH... There are many levels of technology... all over the world... Don't do extra email...
- o POLITICS... It is a good idea to read the newspapers of the country you are working with...
- TIME ... Choose a world time site or set of sites... [Be respectful of "working hours" of other locations.]
- o RELIGION... Religion is a part of the culture of a country... [Respect the diversity.]
- o Do not assume that other students will know [your preferred gender] by your first name.
- o If you use slang expressions be sure to explain what they mean....
- Use simple English words. Consider how phrases are translated literally... dirty blond hair?
- Explain abbreviations when you use them...
- Remember the reader cannot see your face in your communication [unless you use a webcam]. Humor may often be interpreted literally and misunderstood. Use emoticons (smiley faces and other symbols) and punctuation such as asterisks to make emphasis.
- Be certain to state your emotions; do not assume they are known...
- Most of the world learns British English language rather than US English. Words such as centre or colour may look
 misspelled but are correct for them."

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