

Note: All assignments are to be submitted through the **Assignments** area of the course. Similarly, class discussions can be accessed in the **Discussions** area. Groups may use both the **Groups** area and their own Live Session located in the **Live Sessions** area.

Please note that there are several practice activities and practice questions in each lesson. Please make sure to complete each item.

A Note on Research Activities

The purpose of the research activities is to get you acquainted with several resources that you will need for successful completion of the course group project and of course to get you started in the project early. The goal for this week is to select a firm and choose a product, while making a preliminary scan of the countries available for market entry. Please see detailed instructions in your course Syllabus or in Week 5.

While the details of each research activity are presented in the following pages, I would like to provide you with a short summary:

- In the first research activity you are asked to evaluate the attractiveness of foreign countries in terms of FDI.
 - Thinking ahead about your project: maybe here you can relate the product you chose for your firm and the country you chose with a theory of international investment presented in Chapter 2 of your book.
- In the second activity you are presented with the task of examining bilateral trade of a commodity.
 - This is an optional activity but thinking ahead about your project: maybe here you can relate the product you selected with trade flows across countries and support your arguments with trade theories from Chapter 2 of your book.

Each research activity is an individual assignment and no collaboration is allowed among students. You should spend no longer than 30 minutes completing each research activity. Further, you are provided with detailed hints in each research activity and you will receive full points for each submitted assignment (Turnitin). As such, you will not receive feedback by your instructor, unless you explicitly request it. **However, cheating of any form or plagiarism will result in receiving zero** for the corresponding assignment and you must address to the best of your abilities what the research task is asking for. If you submit something irrelevant to the assignment you will receive a zero. The quality of your report will be assessed by your instructor.