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French Levels 1-4
Cultural Portfolio Enrichment Activities

What is a cultural portfolio enrichment activity?

A cultural portfolio enrichment activity is an activity that you will do outside of class on your own time in order to increase your cultural awareness. You will find activities at the learning center in your classroom.

What will the activities be like?

- Level 1 activities have a global focus and will be completed in the native language (English).
- Level 2 activities have a global focus with an emphasis on French-speaking countries. Activities will be completed in the native language (English).
- Level 3 & 4 activities will be in the target language (French) and will focus on comparisons and contrasts between your native culture and the target culture.

What are the benefits of cultural enrichment activities?

- Improve in research skills
- Activities are like mini-field trips
- Identify similarities and differences (compare and contrast)
- Look beyond obvious information
- Make conclusions from facts
- Discover what you learn
- Increase your confidence and cultural competence
- Use what you have learned to add to class discussions

How will I be graded for cultural enrichment activities?

Cultural projects and associated activities count for 15% of your total grade in the class. In order to be successful with your enrichment activities, you must complete all of the required activities and reflective questions and turn them in on time. In addition, you will create a cultural portfolio notebook* to present all of your completed activities (see description below). All activities should be given to your teacher in this notebook on the assigned due date.

- A creative cover
- Answers to all reflective questions
- Completed activities
- In a notebook with dividers (by subject, e.g. art, média, sport)

*You may keep your notebook; however all activities will be retained by the teacher at the end of the class. Please do not remove activities from your notebook.

How many cultural activities do I have to do and when are they due?
Activities can be found in 1) corresponding folders at the learning center in your classroom (arranged by topic) or 2) distributed by your teacher. Activities will be changed every four weeks. During each four week period, you must complete three activities. The teacher will collect activities on Mondays only; you may choose to turn in one activity per week and leave your notebook in the classroom, or turn them all in at the same time (I encourage you not to wait until the end of the four weeks to do all of them). All of your completed activities will be returned with grades and comments once the learning center has changed at the end of the four week period. You will put these in your cultural portfolio notebook.

Why are you asking for my parent's signature?

Some of the activities may require some after school transportation, which is where your parents become involved. For example, you will need to visit some local businesses in order to complete some of the activities. Your parents should know that you may need to use the internet for research on some of the activities. Also, your parents can be a great resource if you are not sure where to start with some of the research on your activities. Please take this sheet home to your parents and ask them to sign below after they have read about your cultural enrichment activities. Your parents can contact me (the teacher) if they have questions or concerns about the type of activities that you will be completing. Please keep this sheet in the front of your cultural portfolio notebook.



Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____