BUILDING A PORTFOLIO THAT REFLECTS THE NATIONAL STANDARDS

CULTURE: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures

Your portfolio must document _____ selections from this list to reflect this standard.

1. Attend a presentation by someone who is from another country and write a summary of the presentation. Include any personal insights you gained.
2. Interview someone from another country and document the interview.
3. Represent dramatically a folk tale, poetry, play, or story from another culture.
4. Storytell some aspect of history or folklore from another culture.
5. Sing songs from another culture.
6. Participate in dances that reflect other cultures.
7. Participate in ethnic arts and crafts.
8. Write journals, newspapers, creative pieces, scripts that reflect ideas, practices, and/or products of other cultures.
9. Participate in games, individual or team sports that reflect other cultures.
10. Participate in holiday and festival celebrations.
11. Reenact historic events, representations about famous people from other cultures.
12. Participate in culturally authentic meals and customs associated with mealtime.
13. Devise a breakfast, lunch, or supper menu that reflects another culture.
14. Make a videotape or audiotape to narrate or explain some aspect of another culture (e.g., a play, poem, news broadcast, radio show, interview with a native speaker).
15. Other: _____

COMPARISONS: Develop Insights Into the Nature of Language and Culture

Your portfolio must document _____ selections from this list to reflect this goal.

1. Represent dramatically a story or event as it may have take place in two different cultures.
2. Write journals, newspapers, creative pieces, scripts which draw attention to similarities and differences among cultures.
3. Compare holiday celebrations among cultures.
4. Compare some aspect of a culture you are studying to your own.
5. Prepare a travel guide for someone visiting another culture for the first time; include customs and practices that are unique to that culture.
6. Compare proverbs and idioms from other cultures.
7. Participate in a culture simulation; document your experience.
8. Other: _____

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CONNECTIONS: Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information

Your portfolio must document _____ selections from this list to reflect this goal.

1. Participate in a simulation and its debriefing concerning an issue of global importance.
2. Participate in a discussion about an issue facing people all over the world today.
3. Use maps in a variety of contexts to discuss how geographic location of a country influences its importance in world affairs.
4. Explore another subject area through the target language.
5. Participate in a program which models environmentally responsible behaviors.
6. Participate in a service project which helps maintain and improve the quality of life in the local community, national and international communities.
7. Participate in conflict resolution for mediation of disagreements.
8. Present one of your areas of interest to your classmates.
9. Present information you have learned in your language class to students in another subject area.
10. Other: _____

COMMUNITIES: Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home and Around the World

Your portfolio must document _____ selections from this list to reflect this goal.

1. Work as a team to accomplish a task.
2. Participate in a cooperative game where everybody wins.
3. Devise a plan to help people from other countries who are living in your community.
4. Share your knowledge of another language and culture with others.
5. Host an exchange student.
6. Participate in an exchange program.
7. Invite an exchange student to an activity with your friends.
8. Attend a play, performance, movie from another culture.
9. Other: _____

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