

Cultural Writing Project

Welcome back and happy New Year. We're going to begin this New Year with a cool writing project based around one of those new words we've learned, "culture." This project is designed to help us learn about each other's cultures and also practice what we've learned about expository writing. Here's how it's going to work:

Directions

Each student will write an expository paper that describes the culture of the country they come from and will cover the five categories below.

- **Geography/Weather/Climate**
 - Where is it located and what countries, bodies of water, land formation, etc. is it near?
 - What's the weather/climate?
- **Language**
 - What languages are spoken?
 - Where does the main language originate?
 - Is it similar to languages of other countries?
- **Beliefs/Philosophy**
 - What religions/philosophies are most common?
 - What is the history of the main religion/philosophy?
- **Music/Art/Dance**
 - What music is unique to your culture and what music is popular?
 - What art is unique to your culture and what art is popular?
 - What dance is unique to your culture and what dance is popular?
- **Food** - please provide a demonstration if you can ;-)
 - What are common foods eaten?
 - Are there traditional foods that are still eaten?

It's not everyday that we get to share a classroom with people from nine different countries so I hope you're as excited as I am!!