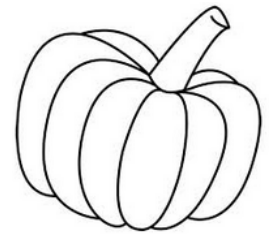


A Festival of Pumpkins



Background

Festivals are events that are held by groups of people, which centers on and celebrates some unique aspect of that community. Different cultures, religions and various groups of people celebrate festivals throughout the world.

Challenge

As the leaves turn and weather gets cooler, pumpkin season is upon us. Pumpkins are vital to the culture and economics of Virginia. You are challenged with developing a festival that will focus on the pumpkin.

Requirements

1. You must conduct research first.
2. Your research should include information on the history of the pumpkin, along with additional questions that you want to know more about.
3. Then, based on your research, you must answer the following questions:
 - What is the name of your festival?
 - What date will it take place on?
 - What are the colors that will be associated with it?
 - What symbols will represent your holiday?
 - Are there any sayings/greetings that will take place this day?
 - Are there any special songs?
 - What are the foods that will be eaten?
 - What are the traditions?
 - What are the reasons for the holiday?
 - Will anyone wear special clothing?
3. You must then put your research together to present a final presentation to the class in a photobooth video. Your video must include answers to all of the questions above and some kind of visual aid. Your video will be posted on our class blog and others will vote on which festival they would most like to attend. Your video should be no longer than two minutes.

Research

Please list 5 questions that you have about pumpkins. These are questions that you should be able to research!

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Research

(Please list the answers to your questions here, you may also write down additional information here. Make sure that you list where you got your information from!)

Festival Planning

Name of Festival	Date
Colors	Symbols
Sayings/Greetings	Special Songs
Foods	Traditions
Reasons	Special Clothing

Photobooth Planning

What is your visual aide?

What is your script?

Reflection

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Your answers should be thorough and you should give specific examples to support your opinion.

1. What was your favorite part of this project?
2. How do you think your team worked together?
3. If you could change one thing about this project what would it be?
4. What did you learn about yourself from this project?
5. How will this project help you with future projects?

Rubric

	Comments	Possible Points
Reflection •Student wrote down at least 5 questions to be researched •Student researched the questions thoroughly. •Student kept track of their resources		/20
Festival Planning •Student has complete answers to each of their questions. •Students answers make sense and connect to their research		/20
Photobooth Planning •Student planned a visual aide that will enhance the presentation •Student planned out a script that explains and persuades people to come to their festival		/20
Reflection •Student completed the reflection with effort and explained their answers with specific examples		/10
Final Presentation •Student put together a presentation that is easy to understand •Presentation contains information from their research and explains the festival that they planned •Presentation included a visual aide that enhances the presentation		/20
Overall Participation •Student worked with with the group and used their time wisely		/10