

Jayne Martin 2nd grade language arts

GLE 0201.4.2 Gather relevant information to answer a research question.

GLE 0201.4.3 Write a simple research report.

✓ **0201.4.1** Narrow a research question so that the research process is manageable.

✓ **0201.4.5** Recognize and identify a variety of print and electronic resources available for information (e.g., books, newspapers, magazines, technology).

✓ **0201.4.7** Write a simple research report that demonstrates a gathering of information.

LESSON PLAN: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD RESEARCH PROJECT

MATERIALS: WRITING MATERIALS, BOOKS ABOUT ASSIGNED COUNTRY, ACTIVITIES ABOUT ASSIGNED COUNTRY, FOOD FROM ASSIGNED COUNTRY

TIME: 3 TO 4 WEEKS TO COMPLETE CLASS PROJECTS before Christmas

- TTW assign predetermined countries to students according to ability and differentiated materials.
- TTW make available to the students various materials/information about the way the countries celebrate the Christmas holidays.
- The report should include Christmas holiday traditions, language, government, currency, people, the colors of the flag, and other interesting facts about the country.
- TTW prearrange with the librarian to direct the students to books with information about their respective countries different traditions.
- TTW will have demonstrated how to take notes on the countries by writing down important facts on note cards.
- TTW have a set time each day for a week and a half to two weeks for preparation of research report. This will include writing materials, researching, and the coloring of presentation boards, crafting, and organizing.
- TTW allow approximately two weeks for student presentations. The presentations may include dressing in the country's traditional attire, supplying a tasty treat for the other students from that country, and/or allowing their peers to make a craft from that country. The students may also show maps of the country and teach the others a game or song from that country.
- TTW use a scoring rubric to determine each student's grade.
- Extra credit will be given for dressing up in country's attire, bringing in food from that country, neatness of presentation board.

Ready on Presentation Day	Organization	Identifying Country on Map	Presentation of Materials	Content of Materials	Extra Credit
/20	/20	/20	/20	/20	

Helpful websites for Christmas around the world projects:

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/fields/2128.html>
(has government type)

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0855611.html>
(languages)

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/translation/currencies/entable1.htm>
(capital, citizens, currency type, etc)