



Christmas Around the World



Project

Poster Due : December ____

Oral Presentation Due: December ____

You will be researching how other countries around the world celebrate Christmas. You will research general facts about your chosen country. You will be explaining how Christmas is celebrated in your chosen country by researching its customs, festivals, and food. You will present this information in a poster. You will be sharing your information to the class in the form of an oral presentation and powerpoint. Your presentation will cover some of the information you wrote on your poster. You will also have made a sample of traditional food that is to be eaten around Christmas in your chosen country. You will also lead the class in an art activity that relates more about the way Christmas is celebrated in your chosen country.

Be specific, be enthusiastic, and be creative in the way you present your information!

Project Timeline

Use this sheet to help you complete your project properly. This timeline will help you plan your time wisely.

1. Celebrations and Feasting - all information should be gathered and written into a first draft by....._____
2. Country Studies - all information should be gathered and written into a first draft by....._____
3. Oral Presentation Planning - you will be given class time to plan and prepare for your presentation on....._____
4. Editing and Revision of Report - you will be given class time to edit your poster on....._____

5. Good Copy Start - you will be given class time to begin your good copy of your poster on....._____
6. Handouts for Presentation - these should be given to your teacher to photocopy no later than....._____
7. Poster Due Date....._____
8. Oral Presentations made....._____

Follow this timeline and you will be guaranteed success!





The Poster



Your poster may be hand written or typed. If it is handwritten, please use cursive writing and skip lines. If it is typed, please double space. All maps and flags **must** be done by hand and using pencil crayons. **Please no photocopies nor computer maps and flags.** You may **trace** from original maps and flags. You must also include pictures and illustrations. Half should be drawn, the other half may be photocopies or computer printouts of pictures. All items should have the name of the student who completed it.

Your poster must include the following:

1. **Name of Your Country**: It should be a creative title that includes:

- a. the name of your country;
- b. the full names of each member of your group.

2. **Country Study** - This should include:

- a) a **neatly coloured map** - hand drawn including title, border, legend, and a compass rose;
 - showing the capital city and major cities;
 - showing major bodies of water and rivers;
 - showing any important land formations;
- b) a **neatly coloured drawing of the country's flag**;
- c) **the population of the country**;
- d) **the languages spoken** - try to write important Christmas words in that language (e.g. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Peace, etc.)
- e) a **paragraph describing what the climate would be like around Christmas time**
 - include precipitation and temperature;
- f) **what the country is famous for** - famous artists, musicians, well known buildings, landmarks, etc.;
 - you should have at least **two** from each of the above;

3. **Christmas Study** - (Powerpoint) This should include:

- a) **Celebration**: - How do people celebrate Christmas in your chosen country?
 - What happens before Christmas?
 - What happens on Christmas?
 - What happens after Christmas? } Be very detailed!
- b) **Customs**: - list as many Christmas **customs** and **traditions** from your chosen country as you can;
 - explain **what they are** and the **meaning** behind them;
- c) **Feasting** - What are the traditional Christmas **foods** and how are they **served**?
 - Explain the **reason** why these foods were **chosen**;
 - include **two recipes** from your chosen country

Your Christmas Study should include illustrations and pictures.

A bibliography must be included on the back listing books and websites used.



Oral Presentation



Your partners are: _____

You will present on: _____

Your oral presentation is your way of sharing the information you discovered to your classmates. The presentation is a summary of what you discovered about Christmas in your chosen country. You must cooperate with your partners and share in the work of presenting.

Your oral presentation must include the following:

1. Discussion of your country and its Christmas traditions

- this should be about 10 - 15 minutes long;
- you should relate to your poster for the class to see;
- **do not read your notes;**
- be **creative** - come dressed in costume or play traditional music
- the **Christmas Study** needs to be presented using a **powerpoint**

2. Presentation of food

- this should be about 5 minutes long;
- you will have made a traditional food at home for the class to taste;
- portions do not have to be large - students are only **tasting**;
- choose recipes that are easy and inexpensive to make;
- **do not choose recipes that contain any meat nor nuts;**
- you will list the ingredients (to safeguard against food allergies);
- you will explain the importance of this food in the Christmas tradition;

3. Art Activity

- this should be about 20 minutes long;
- the activity should have all the students in the class create a product that symbolizes an aspect of your country's Christmas;
- you should have **written instructions** that are easy to follow on the **back** of your **handout**;
- you should have made the product to show the class;
- you should have all your materials ready for that day (please see your teacher);

4. Handout

- you should have made a **one page handout** for the students to use to make notes about your project;
- it should be **fill in the blanks**, or **match the columns**, or **true or false**;
- keep it simple and one page maximum;
- include a **title**, your **name** and your **partner's name**;
- the **back** of the handout should have the **written instructions** for your art activity;
- you will be **collecting** and **marking** the handout at the end of class

You and your partners must share in the work.
Keep your presentation interesting and creative.

Have fun!