

Hometown Tour & Regional Culture Connecting Classrooms Activity 3

Summary: Create a video showcasing your hometown or region to students at your partner school. At the end of the video, share what questions you have for students at your partner school about their hometown or regional culture.

Don't forget to clean the camera lens before recording and if using a phone, hold it horizontal. If the area is too noisy, try getting closer or recording the audio after.

Option 1: Hometown Tour

- If students from your partner school came to visit you, where would you take them? What would you like to show them?
- Where do you and your friends like to go to hang out on the weekend?
- Where do you go shopping for clothes?
- What are your favorite restaurants?
- What are the best parks/public spaces to hang out?
- Where can you go to play sports?
- Does your town/city have a main street, downtown, or popular neighborhood?
- Do you live near a library, fire station, or police station?
- Do you have any nature parks/wildlife?

Option 2: Regional Culture

- What is your city/region best known for?
- How do people greet each other in your area?
- What are some common sayings/colloquialisms from your city/region?
- What metropolitan cities do you live closest to?
- What is the most popular sport played in your city/region?
- Does your city/region have any professional sports teams?
- Are there any colleges or universities near you?
- Are there any stereotypes about people from your region? Do you think they are accurate?
- What kind of music do your people in your community listen to?
- Does your region have any famous tourist attractions/points of interest?

Option 3: Gastronomy

- What are the typical foods in your community/region?
- Name a typical dish from your region/area.
- Does your region grow any foods? (Fruits, vegetables, crops, etc.)
- What time do people in your region usually have dinner?
- Are there any typical sweets/desserts in your region?
- What is your favorite traditional dish?
- What are the most common supermarkets/stores in your town? Which one does your family usually go to?
- Do you have a lot of organic food options?

Adaptations:

- Students can choose another city/region in their country.
- Present information about their partner school's town/region through online research or gathering information from their partner school directly.

Sample videos:



Salamanca



Toledo



Ronda

Student Planner:

- 1) Give 1-2 reasons why your student peers abroad would choose your city/town for a homestay/exchange experience:

- 2) What are the top 3 attractions in your area?

- 3) Name some typical dishes/food specific to your town/region:

- 4) Share some insider tips about your town/region (e.g. Where is the best place to go shopping? Best restaurants? Less-known sites/attractions?)

- 5) Provide some sayings/expressions unique to your region:

- 6) My town/region is best known for:

- 7) What advice would you give to an exchange student visiting your school?

Grading Rubric:

Presenters' Names: _____

Link to video: _____

Content (70 points)

	Max. Points	Points Earned	Comments
Introduction includes your name and purpose of video.	5		
Topic is fully covered, answering at least 4 questions from the topic list.	30		
Ending includes questions you have for students at your partner school.	5		
TOTAL	70	/ 70	

Video Presentation (30 points)

	Points Earned	Above Satisfactory/ Exceeds Requirements (8-10)	Satisfactory/ Meets Requirements (5-7)	Below Satisfactory/ Does not meet requirements (0-4)
VIDEO ORGANIZATION		Presenter is well prepared and organized.	Presenter is mostly prepared and organized.	Presenter is unprepared, presentation is unorganized.
VOICE AND ENERGY		Presenter speaks in loud voice and shows enthusiasm.	Presenter speaks clearly but some of the presentation is read.	Difficult to hear presenter. Most or all of the presentation is read from script.
VISUAL PRESENTATION & CREATIVITY		Video shows creativity and includes a variety of settings and props/graphics that add value to the presentation.	Presentation uses some settings or props/graphics that add value to presentation.	Presentation does not include any settings, images or props that add value to presentation.
TOTAL	/30	Additional comments:		

OVERALL TOTAL: _____ /100