

ESSAY & PRESENTATION ON FRENCH CULTURE

Learning Objective:

To research specific elements of French Culture and discover that French Culture is not only very “COOL” and global but is much more than just “Le carnaval de Quebec” and “Poutine”; that French Culture differs and varies around the world.

Expectation/Evaluation Criteria:

- Students will do research on an element of French Culture; being related to either a specific French community (ex.: Canadian, Quebecois, Acadian, Louisianan, European, African, Caribbean, Asian, other French influenced communities) or a French Festival, French Food & Cuisine, French Arts, etc.

- Students will create a 2-page, double-spaced written essay on the topic to be handed in on June 10th.
The written portion of the assignment:
 - Should be entirely in French and should have been corrected for errors (self or peer)
 - Should not be translated by Google Translate or similar tool; although such tools may be used to assist the endeavour
 - Should make use of verbs in the PASSÉ COMPOSÉ
 - Should be done individually and be original (ex.: 16 presentations on Poutine ←← NO!!!)
 - Plagiarism will be deemed utterly unacceptable and will receive a mark of “R”

- Students will present their research assignment on French Culture to the class using a presentation tool such as Powerpoint , Prezi or similar presentation tool to be ready for presentation by June 12th, 2013.
The class presentation portion of the assignment:
 - Should be presented entirely in French; the oral portion may be LIVE or RECORDED as part of the presentation; if recorded, the voice needs to be clear
 - Should be over 3 minutes and not be longer than 10 minutes in length
 - Should be ready and the presentation itself tested as operational on school equipment by June 12th, 2013
 - Should be original, entertaining, informative, and related to topic.

CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Topic is original
- ✓ Written essay is entirely in French
- ✓ Written essay is 2 pages in length
- ✓ Written essay is double-spaced
- ✓ Written essay uses between 10 and 12 font
- ✓ Written essay has been self or peer corrected
- ✓ Google Translate did not translate my English text
- ✓ Verbs in Passé Composé and Imparfait are used
- ✓ Oral presentation is entirely in French
- ✓ Presentation tool such as Powerpoint or Prezi used
- ✓ Oral presentation voice is clear
- ✓ Oral presentation is ready and tested on school equipment prior to presentation
- ✓ Oral presentation is not shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes