

Cultural Alphabet Book Assignment

One of the projects for the book, *Seedfolks*, is to write and create a cultural alphabet book based on your culture or combine your culture with your family traditions. Each page will be based on a different letter. This project will increase your knowledge of your family's culture. You may create your alphabet book on just your culture or a combination of our culture and your family.

1. Conduct research on your culture to learn words, facts, and symbols that could be used as artifacts for each letter of the alphabet. Artifacts tell us interesting things about a culture. Every culture has artifacts that have religious, social, or medicinal significance. Examples of artifacts are:
 - Official symbols or emblems, such as a flag, motto, song, prayer, pledge, food, flower, costume, or animal.
 - Famous people, places or events (avoid catastrophic events)
 - Features of everyday life, such as dance, music, celebrations, traditions, or religions.
2. The research can be from the Internet, maps, books, or even from your family members.
3. Make a list of words, symbols, or facts for each letter of the alphabet on the planning page.
4. Interview a family member for information about your culture using the bibliography interview sheet. Write down the information that they tell you, so that you can use the information for the different letters.
5. As you collect information, try to connect events and information to each letter of the alphabet. Avoid general statements such as "J is for Jamaican" or "E is for Ethiopian". The goal is to present the information of your culture in an interesting way using complete sentences. "J is for Jamaican, which is a proud race of people from Jamaica."
6. Show respect in all of your sentences by writing in positive way.
7. Use clip art, a photograph, or a drawing to represent each sentence. Be sure that the illustrations show respect to your selected culture's dress, dance, beliefs, and overall culture.

You will turn in:

- The alphabet-planning page
- The alphabet book

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson1134/assignment.pdf

A -	N-
B -	O-
C-	P-
D-	Q-
E-	R-
F-	S-
G-	T-
H-	U-
I -	V-
J -	W-
K-	X-
L-	Y-
M-	Z-

Cultural Alphabet Project Rubric

CATEGORY	25	15	10	5
Required Elements	The alphabet book includes all required elements and is presented in an appealing way.	All required elements are included in the alphabet book.	All but 1 of the required elements are included in the alphabet book	Several required elements were missing.
Organization	The alphabet book is exceptionally attractive in terms of design, layout, and neatness. It is easy to understand and follow.	The alphabet book is attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness. It is easy to understand and follow.	The alphabet book is acceptably attractive though it may be a bit messy. May be unorganized and hard to follow.	The alphabet book is distractingly messy or very poorly designed. It is not attractive.
Creativity	Several of the pages used in the alphabet book reflect an exceptional degree of student creativity in his/her creation and/or presentation.	One or two of the alphabet book pages used in the book reflect student creativity in their creation and/or presentation.	The alphabet pages are made by the student, but are based on the designs or ideas of others.	The alphabet pages are unappealing and incomplete.
Presentation Content	Shows a full understanding of the topic. Addresses numerous different aspects of the culture and interesting information.	Shows an understanding of the topic. Addresses some different aspects of the culture and includes only basic information.	Shows understanding of the topic. Is missing complete sentences for some of the pages. Information might be repetitive or bland.	Does not seem to understand the topic very well. Incomplete information

Additional Notes:

TOTAL: _____ / 100