

Games People Play Around the World

Learning Target: I can conduct a short research project. I can produce clear and coherent writing appropriate for my audience and topic

Homework due Tuesday, November 17

Games Will Be Played at Multi-Cultural Night on Thursday, November 19



Begin with The End in Mind: Select a game that originated in a country other than the United States. You will learn about its history, how to play it, and how math is involved in the game. You will write the rules in a simple, understandable way so people will be able to play your game, even if you are not around to teach them.

Part 1: Select the Game: Choose a game that you know originated in another country. Attached is a list of games from other countries if you need some ideas. Please choose board games, card games, or pencil-paper games. Please avoid games that require lots of physical activity or large spaces to play.

Part 2: Conduct research about the history of your game: Find out information about your game- maybe where it originated, or what the cultural significance is. *Note: Many games have several variations. There may be different stories about how or even where the games originated. There's probably not one right story.* Write a short introduction to your game that people will be able to read at Multi-Cultural Night. Print your introduction (in handwriting or on the computer) on a piece of printer paper. Make sure the information is accurate and the spelling is correct.

Part 3: Let the Games Begin: -Make the game board and/or assemble the materials you will need to play the game. It's okay if you want to purchase the game or materials. Make a container (a box or a bag) that all your game pieces will fit in! The container should be attractive and the name of the game and the country of origin should be written on the container.

Part 4: Practice Playing the Game: Learn how to play the game so well that you can teach others how to play it. Make an **Instruction Sheet** that tells:

- The object of the game - How many players can play & the materials needed to play
- The Rules
- How math is involved in the game

The instruction sheet must be written very neatly (or typed) so that anyone wanting to play your game can do so, even if you are not there to teach them.

You don't have to be able to attend Multi-Cultural Night to participate in this project. But, if you are able to come, we'll put you to work supervising the games tables and helping all the guests have fun playing our games. We'll play the games in class on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 17 and 18 to make sure we all know how to play all the games.

By Tuesday, November 17, please have the following at school:

- The Game – Make sure you know how to play it!
- Container for the game – Make sure all the game pieces fit in the container and the name of the game and the country it comes from are on the container.
- Game introduction paper that tells people about the game (see Part 2)
- Sheet of paper in the game that tells how to play the game, a bit about the game, and how math is involved in playing the game

Games from Around the World

Here are some popular games and the country or region of their origin.

Achi – Ghana
Backgammon – Mesopotamia
Derrah – Nigeria
Draughts – France
Fan Tan – China
Goose Game – France
Konane – Hawaii
Lu lu – Polynesia
Mulinello Quadrupio - Italy
Nim – China
Ninuki-Renju – Japan
Parcheesi – India
Pipopipette – France
Seega – Egypt
Sey – West Africa
Sir Tommy – England
Solitaire – France
Tapatan – Philippines
Who Crosses the River First – China

Alquerque – Arabia
Checkers – Europe
Dominoes – Egypt
Dreidel – Germany
Go – Asia/Japan
Hala tafi - Scandinavia
Ko-no – China and Korea
Magic Squares – China, Egypt, India
Mu Torere – New Zealand
Nine Men's Morris – Europe
Nyout – Korea
Patolli – Mexico
Pong Hau K'i - China
Senet - Egypt
Shut the Box – France
Snakes and ladders – India
Tac Tix – Denmark
Wari – West Africa
Yote – West Africa

Here are some places you can go for information:

- **Culture Grams** is one of the research tools on the Mukilteo School District's student website. When accessing this from home, you will need to sign in. **The username is: mukilel and the password is: speedway**
- **World Book** is also one of the research tools on the Mukilteo School District's student page. When accessing this from home, you will need to sign in. **The username is: Mukilteo and the password is: student**
- <http://www.topics-mag.com/edition11/games-section.htm> Traditional Games from around the World
- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4h/4h05500.pdf> Games from Around the World
- <http://nrich.maths.org/8261> NRICH - enriching mathematics



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