



Cultures

Target Audience: Youth ages 5-10

Description: Cultures is a curriculum designed to provide youth with a better understanding of the cultures of several world countries. Each session emphasizes a different country and highlights various aspects of the country including traditional games and activities. The materials were designed with the primary delivery mode as after-school or summer programs; however each session can be modified to be used in a class room or home setting.

Format:

Session 1: China

Learn about the country of China by making Origami designs and writing Chinese characters.

Session 2: Sri Lanka

Find out more about Sri Lanka by reading a fact sheet, decorating paper elephants and playing “Train Station,” a traditional Sri Lankan game.

Session 3: Russia

Learn more about Russian culture through the design of Fabrege eggs. Other Russian activities include a fact sheet and Goellki, a traditional Russian game.

Session 4: Malawi

Find out more about Malawi’s culture by creating Galimoto sculptures and playing Tossing Stones.

Session 5: Ghana

Create a one of a kind Kente Cloth from traditional Ghanaian culture, and then play “Boa Constrictor.”

Session 6: Somoa

Find out more about the island nation of Somoa by creating a traditional Siapo cloth design.

Session 7: Mexico

Read The Desert Mermaid/La Siena del Dieserto and brainstorm key Spanish language words from the story. Then play Loteria (BINGO) using newly acquired simple Spanish words.

Session 8: Iraq

Read about the mosaic tile creator, Kashee Karbala’ee and then create your own mosaic tile design!

Cost: Cultures can be borrowed for one month at no cost to the borrower.