

Holiday Presentation Project (via Voicethread)

Holidays are an important way to share about one's culture and traditions. This project plan will walk you through creating and sharing a student presentation in a collaborative and interactive learning environment.

In order to complete this project, each student will need:

- 1) a computer with internet access
- 2) a microphone (either built-in or external)
- 3) a valid email address

Students should:

1. Brainstorm about what holiday is their favorite and how they will explain how they celebrate it in their family.
2. Gather digital pictures that show the main parts of the holiday, either from the internet or using their personal pictures. (5-10 pictures generally will be enough for a 1-2 minute presentation.)
3. Create or find an introductory image to begin their presentation.
4. Put the pictures in a logical order and write a script explaining each picture. Make sure each picture has 1-2 sentences about it.
5. Write 1-3 questions for a student from another school/country, either about the holiday in the presentation or holidays the other student celebrates.
5. Go to <http://voicethread.com> and create a free account. They will need to supply a valid email address to activate the account.
6. Log in and go to the tab that says Create.
7. Upload the pictures and make sure the order is correct.
8. Click on the Comment tab to add audio to each slide.
9. Publish and share with the other students in the class or from the partner school.
10. Watch and comment on other students' work.

Notes

- Students can make them public (anyone can view) or private to share with only the classes involved.
- Comments and responses can trigger further project ideas.
- Students can write about and present the interesting information they learned.
- An example about Halloween pumpkin carving is at <http://voicethread.com/share/3634755/>