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Seal Of Biliteracy Project

You will RESEARCH a Spanish, French or Italian speaking country/region or city and create a power point presentation or google slide show based on the requirements listed below. This project will be presented to members of the Seal of Biliteracy Committee. Your presentation must include:

1. **Title page:** Include a map of country that highlights the region or city being researched and a picture of flag(s). Please include the capital (if applicable).
2. **Education:** How is the education system structured? How is it similar or different to our school system? Do most students attend public or private schools and why? Are there any universities in the area you are researching? Which ones?
3. **Tourist Attractions: Choose Three (Choose one historical, one that has to do with nature and one just for fun)** – At least one slide per destination should be used. Include photos. What makes it a popular destination, and any other interesting or important information about the destination. Consider the following questions:
 - Is there a fee to visit this park, monument, museum?
 - Why is it so popular?
 - What is the history behind it?
 - How long has it been in existence?
 - What is the best time of year to visit?
4. **Holidays/Customs:** Choose **one** holiday or custom that is **unique** to the area you are studying. Explain the significance of the holiday, custom or tradition. When, why and how is it celebrated? Include pictures.
5. **Typical foods:** Describe in detail a traditional/cultural meal from the area you are studying.
 - When is this meal usually eaten?
 - What are the main ingredients in the recipe? Why are they typical of the country, region?
6. **Music:** Discuss at least one style/genre of music that is native to your country.
 - include names of musical instruments used
 - popular musicians/bands in this genre
 - an audio or video clip of no more than 10-15 seconds (if available)
7. **Focus Issue:** Research one of the following issues and discuss it's impact on your selected country, region or city. This is going to be your most important part of the research. Your interview questions will be mainly based on this.
 - Use a first-hand news site unique to your country, region, city.
 - This focus issue must be current and have some impact on the country as a whole, the people or the world.

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EXAMPLES:

- Climate Change
- Migration
- Health (healthcare, innovations)
- Sustainable Developments
- Poverty/Hunger
- Environmental Disasters
- Improving Energy
- Government
- Terrorism
- Status of Women
- Food

8. **Famous Figure:** This slide(s) should be a biographical slide that includes the following information about the person. (May be living or dead, political or entertainer)

- Date and place of birth
- profession, why they are famous
- photo

If you meet the preliminary requirements for the Seal of Biliteracy, you may add to your college applications that you are a “Candidate for the NYS Seal of Biliteracy”. This can usually be added to a section where they ask if there is anything extra you would like them to know about you.

Additional Requirements

In addition to the presentation/interview, you are also required to complete 4 Interpretive Tasks. These are based on reading your research articles for the project and will be assigned quarterly by your teacher.

A presentational writing (short essay) in the target language, summarizing what you learned from the interpretive tasks and research is also a requirement.

Please review the application to see basic requirements.