

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Holiday Book WRITING TASK

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OBJECTIVE: The students will be able to compare and contrast Christmas traditions in the United States with Christmas traditions in another country.

Materials:

computer
Compare/Contrast Chart
Paragraph Writing Form
Holiday Book

Task:

Step 1: Teacher-directed explanation of Compare/Contrast Chart. Fill in US. information together.

Step 2: Students will choose a country to research from the following website.

<http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/>

Step 3: Read the passage for the chosen country and complete the Compare/Contrast chart.

Step 4: Teacher-directed modeling of writing a compare/contrast essay.

Paragraph 1--Likeness
Paragraph 2--Differences

Step 5: Students complete rough draft essay using their Compare/Contrast Chart. (2 paragraphs)

Step 6 : Revise paragraphs.

Step 7: Write final draft on selected page of Holiday

Book which will be given as a gift to parents.
Extensions of the lesson:

I. Write a one paragraph conclusion answering the following question.

Using the information you read about for your country, think about the traditions of that country and how they differ from the traditions we observe in our culture.

If you could change one tradition, what would it be and explain why you would change it?

II. Using a piece of large white construction paper, make a poster that represents the the traditions that were listed on your chart. Your title will be the name of your country. Be creative.