

Objectives: W4.2 (a, b, c, d, e) ; W4.9b ; W4.7

### My Heritage Project:

As you know, we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a time to give thanks for what we have, including the freedom we have as United States citizens. It is a time when we recall and learn about the first pilgrims who journeyed to America from far away. In celebration of this, we are going to learn more about our family heritage.

For this project, you will discover your family heritage, or from where your family originally came. This may be Italy, Germany, Spain, Mexico, and so on. Everyone should have a country they are from unless you are of Native American descent. If your family originates from more than one country, pick your favorite. If you **cannot** find any history about your family, your parent/guardian needs to write me a note stating this, and what country you have picked and why.

There will be three parts for this project. The first is a poster (no tri-fold boards, please). You will create a poster telling about the country. The poster **needs** to include information on:

- Foods that are popular
- A map of the country
- Popular types of clothing
- Religions (if they have any particular ones that are more common)
- Any interesting traditions

You may include more information such as:

- Any major events that happened in the country's history
- Why your family came over to America
- Weather
- Famous landmarks
- Any extra things that you can think of

You may cut pictures out of magazines, use your own photographs, draw pictures, or use the Internet (with your parent's permission) to find pictures for your poster. The information should be short; one or two sentences per picture.

The second part is a paper. The paper should be **at least three** paragraphs. It **needs** to cover why your family came to America and/or what you know about your family heritage, some information about traditions, clothing, food, and so forth, and if the country has any celebrations like Thanksgiving (remember Thanksgiving is an American holiday). Remember, more paragraphs are an extension towards a level four opportunity.

The last part is optional. On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a feast at school. You may bring in a **store bought food** item that represents **the country of your project**. Remember to talk this over with your parents.

This project is broken up into different due dates:

- Due by Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is the worksheet on researching family background and asking relatives questions.
- Due by Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is the worksheet on research.
- Due by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the poster and paper.

*Have fun with this!! I am looking forward to what you find out about your family!*

**Parent's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_