Explorers WebQuest – Holiday Design Honor an Explorer Team Project

Every year in our country, we celebrate many holidays. Several of those are in honor of famous and important people from our history, like Martin Luther King, George Washington, and Christopher Columbus. In this WebQuest you are going to find out more about an explorer your team chooses and about how and why we use holidays to honor them.

Who was this explorer? What is important to remember about him or her? How can you use a holiday celebration to tell his or her story well and communicate the important aspects of his or her life and accomplishments to the public?

World Holidays

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Research and learn as much as you can about the origins of certain holidays and how we honor people with holidays. Choose two holidays to research. Use Data Sheet #1 to chart and record your information.

Choose an Explorer

The next step is to identify one explorer who is worthy of being honored with a new holiday - learn about that person so you can design an appropriate celebration. Use Data Sheet #2 to chart and record your information. Begin with these links to find a list of explorers.

https://www.allaboutexplorers.com/hunts/


Part of the goal of this research is to help you to differentiate between the many internet sites and online information. What can you do to be sure your resource provides accurate information? Be sure to check your facts!
Develop Your Presentation

Create a presentation for your Exalted Rulers to persuade them that your plan for a new holiday should be adopted!

1. Generate ideas for your design. Remember that when brainstorming, all ideas are accepted and recorded. Model your ideas after the holidays you researched in Phase 1 and be sure you incorporate the qualities of your explorer you identified in Phase 2.

2. Create a list of criteria for evaluating your ideas. Consider that you must persuade your ER so base your criteria around what you think will be most convincing. Some criteria you might consider:
   - Does it honor the explorer in a way to make people want to learn more about him/her?
   - Does it involve many people of many different ages and cultures?
   - How easy is it to plan and organize the celebration?
   - What will it cost in time and money to put the celebration on?
   - Can the celebration be held in many different locations?
   - Are there many different options for celebrating (e.g. games, fairs, parades, days off, community service, etc.)?

3. Use your criteria to narrow your list of ideas to a few that you believe will be the best way to honor your explorer. Design your holiday celebration. Develop your presentation. Be sure to follow all of these requirements:
   - The oral presentation must involve all members of the group
   - It must last between 5 and 10 minutes
   - You must make a persuasive argument for both your selection of explorer and your design of the celebration
   - You must incorporate some technology into your presentation. This could include word processing, a graph made with Excel, a PowerPoint slide show, using Inspiration to create your visual, etc.
   - Your presentation must have one visual. This could be a map, picture of the explorer, poster, chart, PowerPoint, etc.

4. Your presentation must include the following:
   - A written outline of your presentation
   - Data charts from Phase 1 and Phase 2
   - Group notes and brainstorming from Phase 3
   - Bibliography list or cards including all sources used during your research
   - A map showing the explorer’s voyages