We Want the World to Know

A Collaboration of Understanding in the United States

A University of Pennsylvania/ MAGPI Fellows Project

Created by the Arts and Humanities Team

OVERVIEW

Do you ever feel that other Americans misunderstand or stereotype your culture in relation to religion, ethnicity, race, or traditions? This project, We Want the World to Know…, is your opportunity to participate in a collaborative endeavor with secondary schools around the United States. Now is your chance to share your view by creating a short video to promote cultural understanding and global perspective of your experience or reality. After viewing the other productions, plan to participate in a multi-site videoconference designed to promote a cross-cultural discussion.

Resources and Forms will be posted shortly!

AUDIENCE

Secondary School, Ages 15- 18, Teacher and students must able to communicate in English.

PLAN

1. A class will need to identify a national misperception about their culture that they would like to address with other participants in this project.
2. The class will plan and create a short video (see guidelines below) that explains their position in a creative, original, and informative way. One school can create more than one video to accommodate multiple classes, but the primary video will be of the class that is participating in the multi-site videoconference.
3. Videos will be posted on an open forum website for other participants to view and reflect upon.
4. In preparation for the multi-site videoconference, classes should view all videos and be prepared to ask questions of other groups, answer questions about their own production, and engage in respectful yet open dialogue regarding cross-cultural differences.

VIDEO GUIDELINES

1. The video can be an editorial, a documentary, or a parody of the misperception. Creativity and an innovative spirit are highly encouraged however--PLEASE -- no discriminatory, inflammatory and/or lurid content!
2. Maximum length: 4 minutes
3. Main message of the video should be conveyed in English and/or contain English subtitles.
4. Prefer a Quicktime movie file, other formats will need prior approval.
5. It is the responsibility of each participating school to follow copyright guidelines and to secure necessary student media releases.

SCHEDULE

1. March 1, 2009- Confirm interest in project by emailing Nicasia Anazalone at nanzalone@wsd.k12.pa.us.
2. March 13, 2009- Complete online application including contact and technical information.
3. April 3, 2009- Provide a brief description of the misperception you will address and how your video will address it.
4. April 24, 2009- Upload video to http://www.adrive.com/ by April 24, 2009.
5. Classes will use the next two weeks to view all videos, prepare questions and thoughts for the discussion.
6. May 8, 2009- Participate in the multi-site videoconference (Time to be determined and may require after school hours participation)

TECHNOLOGY

1. Standard Internet connection with access to http://www.adrive.com/ (Upload information to follow) and http://www.bucksiu.org.
2. Any hardware or software needed to create video.
3. Both sites must be connected to their national high speed network for research and education (Internet2 in the USA) and have H.323 videoconferencing capabilities

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