

Coming of Age Ceremonies

The goal of this activity is to gain understanding and develop appreciation for other countries/cultures through learning about the different traditions they have associated with coming of age. In the United States, we have the tendency of putting ourselves in a small bubble—unaware of the rest of the world. However, there is a BIG world out there. Throughout this unit we have looked myths from multiple cultures, which depict the coming of age archetype. However, the work we did was barely a ripple on the pond.

In small groups, you will research different modern cultures around the world. Each group will be looking for traditions, rituals, and ceremonies associated with coming of age and will be expected to present the information they find to the class in a multi-media presentation.

Projects should include:

1. Culture/Religion
 2. Name of ceremony
 3. Purpose
 4. Primary ceremonial rituals
 5. Participants, age and gender, special clothing, music, food, locale, decorative art/symbols used, oral history, folk tale associate with ritual, medical practices, etc.
 6. End result
- You will need to compile all of these characteristics in written form to include at some point in your presentation. Feel free to make a list with bullet points. It does NOT have to be in paragraph form.
 - You will also need LOTS of visuals! Incorporate images, videos, etc to enhance the material and to bring your culture and ceremony “to life” for the rest of the class.
 - You will need to audio record your voices over (at least) portions of your presentation so that you can inform your audience of your findings.
 - Your presentation should be a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 minutes in recorded length.

The Grade:

Project met minimum length requirement while incorporating all necessary information.	5 pts
Project is a multimedia presentation of the findings regarding a coming-Of-age ceremony of a modern day culture	5 pts
Project includes text which addresses the required information.	10 pts
Project includes lots of visuals in order to make the culture and ceremony Easily understandable (in context of the project) for your audience.	10 pts
Time/effort/creativity/attention to detail are obvious in the work	10 pts

Project total: **40 points**