

Helping your Students to Become More “Globally Minded”

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Ideas and resources to use in the classroom:

Skype

Call missionaries or other people you may know in another country.

Have a list of questions to ask them such as:

How do you greet people? What does a typical meal consist of? Are there any unusual customs? or dress? How are holidays celebrated? What games do the children like to play?

<https://www.teachthought.com/the-future-of-learning/50-ideas-for-using-skype-in-your-classroom/>
<https://education.microsoft.com/getstarted>

Pen Pals

There are a number of places to sign up for a pen pal from a different country, but a good resource would be children in a missionary’s church.

Instruct the children bring in the letters to read to their classmates. Encourage the students to ask specific questions about customs, foods, lifestyle, etc... Encourage them also to share what it’s like to live in the USA.

<https://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/1024775/how-to-find-a-pen-pal-for-your-child>
<https://kidworldcitizen.org/pen-pal-programs/>
http://www.studentsoftheworld.info/menu_pres.html

Flat Stanley, a Stuffed animal, or a figurine

Send them with family and friends and a disposable camera. Include a few dollars for postcards and stamps to be sent back to the classroom.

<http://www.flatstanleybooks.com/teachers/classroom-adventures/>

Games

http://www.ehow.com/list_6616630_games-kids-other-countries.html
http://www.ehow.com/list_6919208_kenya-games-kids.html
http://www.ehow.com/list_6535866_swedish-games-kids.html
<http://www.parents.com/fun/games/educational/games-from-around-the-world/>

Holiday customs and traditions

<http://www.santas.net/aroundtheworld.htm>
<http://www.californiamall.com/holidaytraditions/>

Clothing

<https://www.roughguides.com/gallery/traditional-dress/>
<https://fashion-history.lovetoknow.com/clothing-around-world>
<http://blog.penpalschools.com/home/traditional-clothing-around-the-world>

Nap times

http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_tradition_in_other_countries_is_similar_to_the_siesta
<https://sleep.org/articles/napping-around-the-world/>

Greetings

Saying “hello” in different languages; bonjour, konichiwa, ciao, Guten tag, hola

http://www.brucevanpatter.com/world_greetings.html
<http://pocketcultures.com/2010/07/14/kiss-hug-or-shake-hands/>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0769343.html>

Foods

<http://www.foodbycountry.com/>
<http://www.parenting.com/gallery/7-kid-snacks-from-around-the-world>

Travel symbols/driving

<http://www.ideamerge.com/motoeuropa/roadsigns/>
<http://www.driveandstayalive.com/articles%20and%20topics/continents%20and%20countries/driving-in-other-countries.htm>
<https://www.worldstandards.eu/cars/driving-on-the-left/>

Tooth traditions around the world

<http://www.toothfairys.net/aroundtheworld.htm>

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/58503/7-tooth-fairy-traditions-around-world>

School

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2015/oct/02/schools-around-the-world-un-world-teachers-day-in-pictures>

General Websites about culture

<http://gws.ala.org/category/social-sciences/cultures-world>

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2010/08/11/the-best-sites-for-learning-about-the-worlds-different-cultures/>

Gift giving

<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/cultural-services/articles/cross-cultural-gift-giving-etiquette.html>

<https://www.aperianglobal.com/guide-gift-giving-around-world/>

<https://trulyexperiences.com/blog/2014/10/10-countries-curious-gifting-traditions/>