Quick Project Ideas

Holiday Projects Grades K-6

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Are you studying about holidays and the stories behind them in your classroom? What better way to give a holiday meaning then by making it personal for students? In this lesson plan find some quick and simple ideas that will help spark students’ interest as they write their own stories!

More Project Ideas

- **Special Occasions and Holidays**
  Have each student write about his or her favorite holiday. What are some family traditions that make it special? Where did those traditions begin? What do they mean? And how will students carry them on?

- **The Mystery of How We Celebrate**
  Have students discuss and write about how some of the family traditions began.

- **The Family Secrets Cookbook**
  Share some of the secret ingredients in special recipes. Use the “Recipes for . . .” StorySpark project template at TikaTok.com.

- **Meet My Friends and Family**
  Use the “Family Tree” worksheet on page 2 to begin a Scrapbook, Family Album, Portrait Gallery, or Oral History. Use a StorySpark project template on TikaTok.com, or use a notebook or hole-punched posterboard for the finished product.

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**TikaTok Tip**

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**Cultures Around the World**

As citizens of the 21st century, it is important to learn about cultural backgrounds, traditions, and celebrations.

Explore the cultures and backgrounds of the students that make up your class.

**Activity: Create a “We Celebrate” Book**

Families have different rituals and traditions that they follow during the holidays. Have students create a *We Celebrate* book to share their own cultures and traditions.

**Step 1:** Begin by by exploring where traditions stem from. Some come from the countries our families are from; some come from religions; some come from neighbors or friends; and some from the place we live, or places we have visited.

**Step 2:** Have students complete the *Family Tree* worksheet on page 2 to list traditions or rituals associated with each member of their family.

**Step 3:** Display the finished worksheets in class or include them in a published TikaTok book. Then display students’ published books so students can read them throughout the year.

Materials Needed: TikaTok.com
*We Celebrate* StorySpark project template.
Instructions: Think about the family traditions and rituals associated with or started by the different members of your family. Write them in each box. You can add this page to any StorySpark project template on TikaTok.com.