

Fulbright in the Classroom Example Activities

The following are a few examples of activities that can be used during your Fulbright in the Classroom presentation. These activities can be modified to fit different grade levels or student interests.

Cultural Activities

- Teach a dance that is common in your host country
- Play music from the host country and ask the students to respond to it:
 - What does the music make them feel?
 - How would they describe the music?
 - Where do they think this music is most commonly played?
- Bring in an age appropriate board game or card game from your host country and teach the students how to play.
- Read a poem (and translate if in language other than English) from the host country.
 - Explain the cultural significance of the poem
 - OR have the students interpret the poem
- Culture Bingo: Create bingo cards with words/images related to your host country (or, give students a list of relevant words and have them fill in their own bingo cards). Ask students to mark their bingo cards when they hear you discuss the topics.
 - Winners can get a small prize (such as candy, if permissible by the teacher) or bragging rights.

Language Learning

- Teach the class the alphabet in the local language of your host country
- Teach the class a few simple phrases in the local language of your host country
 - Give them examples of context in how they might use the new phrases in context (give them a sample dialogue and have them fill it in)
- Teach the class how to count in the local language of your host country
 - Ask them to guess the price of local goods in the country using the new vocabulary (ie. A cup of coffee, dinner at a restaurant, an ice cream cone, a pair of sneakers)
- Teach the class the vocabulary for parts of the body and play a quick game of “Simon Says”
- Share nursery rhymes or tongue twisters that are native to the host country with students. Let them try to say them in small groups or with the class.

Story Sharing

- Tell the students about a time during your Fulbright that surprised or amused you. Ask them how they would have responded if they were in the same situation
 - This activity can be done in small discussion groups or as a whole class
- Discuss local traditions from your host country (or home country) with the students. Ask them if any of these traditions are familiar to traditions they honor in their lives or within their families.