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高小組 小四 (P4) ▶ 小六 (P6)
Senior Primary

Caroline Zhou

Tai Kok Tsui Catholic Primary School (Hoi Fan Road)

Topic Magical Mummies

Do you enjoy travelling to new places? Do you like learning new cultures? If you do, then I strongly advise you to read a series of dazzling, action-packed and humorous books named *Magic Tree House*. I think the book *Mummies in the Morning* is the best of them all!

Magic Tree House is a series of stories about a boy named Jack and his sister Annie. One day, a mysterious treehouse appeared in the woods. They soon discovered that it could take them to places they read about in the books. All they had to do were pointing to a picture and wishing to go there! Even if they had a grand adventure, no time at all had passed in the hometown. These series of books don't just talk about their adventures. They also talk about culture in different places.

In the book *Mummies in the Morning*, Jack and Annie went to ancient Egypt. When they landed, they saw a parade going towards a pyramid. When a Royal person died, a grand funeral procession took place. Family members, servants and mourners formed the ceremony team to send the dead to the pyramid.

Following a black cat, Jack and Annie got into the pyramid. To their enormous surprise, they found a beautiful Egyptian lady made of air! She turned out to be the ghost of Hutepti, queen of the Nile. She needed to find her 'Book of the Dead' to get to the Next Life. Hieroglyphs on the wall were supposed to show her where the book was hidden. But she had an eye problem. Nevertheless, Jack and Annie helped her to find her 'Book of the Dead', and took it to her burial chamber. Sadly, when Jack and Annie tried to get out, they got trapped in a false room, that was supposed to keep tomb robbers away. But these two had such good luck, that black cat lead them outside.

This book gives us a great gift- the gift of knowledge. The writings, paintings, and treasures of the mummies' tombs show us how the ancient Egyptians lived, how they worked, and how they played. This knowledge helps bring the distant past alive.

I hope everyone can read those wonderful *Magic Tree House*, especially the book *Mummies in the Morning*.

Book Read

Book Title : Mummies in the Morning
Author : Mary Pope Osborne
Publisher : New York: Random House, 1993.

Comments

- Effectively captured the highlights of the book.
- Conveyed the enthusiasm for reading, making the book engaging to the reader.

Chan Tsz Tung

SKH Tsing Yi Estate Ho Chak Wan Primary School

Topic Tour the World's Festivals

During the holidays, my parents would take me on trips, but it was not easy to join local festivals. This *Festivals!* book took me to festivals and celebrations around the world.

In Thailand, people welcome the New Year with a festival called Songkran. They pray for peace and prosperity in the new year by splashing water. This is one of the most joyous festivals in Thailand. We have a similar holiday in the Chinese New Year. There are lion dances, firecrackers and fireworks shows. The family gathered together to have a reunion dinner, and the atmosphere was very harmonious. Mexico has a Day of the Dead and they have a very special way of honouring their ancestors. They wear masks, sing, dance and eat cookies shaped like skulls and bones.

Christmas is celebrated around the world, but the timing, food and gift preparation vary by geographic location. For example, many Italian families in the USA share a Feast of Seven Fishes, which are dishes of fish and other seafood. Fried caterpillars are a Christmas tree in South Africa. Christmas desserts are surprises. In the UK, people often eat Christmas puddings. Children are often delighted to find silver coins hidden inside. Mexican children take turns tapping the stars in the Christmas Piñata. When it breaks, they receive many sweet treats. I want to play the Piñata game too! It seems super fun.

Travelling allows you to see countries and cities, big and small, all over the world. It allows you to expand your horizons, get in touch with different cultures, meet people of different skin colours, and experience unique rituals. Not only can you enrich your knowledge and experience, but you can also slow down and use your five senses to appreciate the breath and death of nature. I really hope to have a chance to travel to different cities and take part in different festivals. It must be interesting and rewarding to create such a memorable experience in another country. I look forward to embarking on a special travel experience and spending my time celebrating different festivals like the locals. I will also introduce special Chinese festivals such as the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Lantern Festival to foreigners. It will be an unforgettable cultural exchange experience.

Book Read

Book Title : Festivals!
Author : Jane Bingham
Publisher : London: Usborne Publishing Limited, 2023.

Comments

- Skilfully showcased a variety of global festivals.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm and personal reflections.

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Chan Yan Hey Yannis

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School
Topic Around the World in 200 Pages

Have you ever dreamt of travelling around the world to learn about world culture? Whether it's Ethiopia, Ireland, or Maldives, 'The Not-For-Parents Travel Book' contains countless pieces of intriguing information, introducing exotic attractions and fun facts. Most importantly, it is a book uniquely written for children to reveal many interesting bits in the world's 200 countries!

The book starts in North America. I was most impressed by the culture of Mexico. People there celebrate the Day of the Dead in November, where the deceased arise to give us their salutations. It is not spooky at all! Instead, it is a joyous day where people prepare food, treats, and flowers to welcome their expired friends and family.

It moves on to South America. Uruguay is often addressed as the 'Switzerland of South America' as it is so peaceful. People there dress up in their traditional gaucho outfits to celebrate Tacuarembó — a cowboy festival.

Following South America, the book introduces Europe. Five hundred years ago, carrots used to be all sorts of colors, including black, red, purple, and white, until the Dutch bred them orange for the House of Orange, their royal family. Additionally, the Hungarians ground dried pepper into paprika to flavor their favorite dish — goulash.

The Cape Verdians dry calabash gourds to make musical instruments, the Gambians use melons to make koras, stringed instruments, and the Senegalese play the sabar, a traditional drum. This book allowed me to understand the musical culture of Africa.

The sports in Asia shown in the book opened my eyes. The Thai played super-sized polo using elephants. Moreover, in Afghanistan, there is a game called Buzkashi, where the players have to throw a disembowelled goat while galloping on a horse, like polo. This may be the world's weirdest sport!

Last but not least is Oceania. The grotesque culture of Vanuatu existed until 1969, where humans were eaten! The Cambodians eat fried tarantulas which are crispy outside and gooey inside.

This informative book broadened my horizons on the world's culture in a fun and interesting way. While this book may not provide the conventional information on good coffee shops or cozy hotels adored by our parents, it does bring us, curious children, facts about sights from different countries around the world! Without hesitation, I therefore highly recommend this book to you.

Book Read

Book Title : The Not-For-Parents Travel Book
Author : Michael Dubois, Katri Hilden and Jane Price
Publisher : Footscray: Lonely Planet, 2011.

Comments

- The structure was carefully planned. Easy to read.
- Fluent and informative. The content can be enriched by adding self-reflection.

Cheung Ching Hei

St. Paul's Co-Educational College Primary School

Topic Lifestyles Around the World

Hong Kong is a melting pot of diverse cultures and origins. However, the rushed pace of life has made us indifferent to the stories behind different cultures. 'This Is My World' is jointly written by children from 84 cities. Tales of the lives they lead come to life, and you'll find yourself more intrigued with every page you flip.

Hong Kong is a bustling city with lots of cars zooming around and skyscrapers reaching exceptional heights, similar to places like Chicago and London. Countries in Northern Europe, like Norway and Greenland, are a stark contrast. From glistening greenery in the sunshine and sounds of seabirds in spring, to an exquisite white canvas in December, these tranquil and relaxed places catch my eye. Unlike our fast-paced lifestyle, people there are laid-back and get the time to enjoy the lovely environment they live in.

The book also teleports us to more quirky places as we flip through the pages. Kids there share with us their surprising daily lives—greeted by herds of elephants and hippos lazily strolling by in Nandumbo, having sloths and kinkajous as neighbours in Costa Rica, and going ice fishing in Alaska! I believe being one with the wilderness and nature has inspired locals to respect their environment and animal species within.

But of course, the world isn't all sunshine and rainbows. Places like Uganda have been war-wrecked. Many families, like Esther's, had to rebuild their lives with the help of humanitarian groups. Yousef, a boy who fled from Syria with his family during the war, lives in a refugee camp with limited living and play space. Nevertheless, they are staying positive, appreciating the family life they have and the education they are given. I'm grateful to live in a place where I'm assured that war will not happen. I learned from them that we should stay positive and believe in ourselves.

I'm touched by the children in the book and the stories that form their culture and daily lives. I also feel that although we have different backgrounds, we share some similarities – we all wear big smiles, find school full of fun, love our families and friends, and like to play with animals. Eating, laughing and having fun in the outdoors are moments we treasure as well! I hope to visit these special cities one day and get a taste of what the kids experience!

Book Read

Book Title : This Is My World
Author : Lonely Planet Global Limited
Publisher : Lonely Planet Global Limited, 2019.

Comments

- Well-organised structure with smooth transitions.
- Skilfully connected personal insights with experiences of children around the world.

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Chung Man Kiu Jamie

St. Paul's Co-Educational College Primary School

Topic Exploring Global Culture: Insight From
“The Usborne Book of Peoples of the World”



"The Usborne Book of People of the World" explores cultures across continents, revealing diverse lifestyles and beliefs. The book highlights the difficulty of adapting to different cultures and the importance of mutual understanding to avoid conflicts.; for example, South Americans may worship Native American gods or Christianity, while Thais practice Buddhism.

The book kept me involved and I felt as if I was travelling across the different places the book introduced. The different cultures are distinctive, each with its own uniqueness. For example, Brazilian people celebrate “Carnaval” (the Brazilian spelling of carnival), whereas people in America celebrate Thanksgiving. From the book, I learn to respect each other, as every culture is created by our ancestors, and deserves to be valued and esteemed. For example, in China, we celebrate Chinese New Year in February every year. People decorate their homes with symbols of good luck. This is the Chinese tradition, and we are still celebrating this festival which is passed from generation to generation.

The book also explores the vast array of religious beliefs and rituals, particularly in Asia, where hundreds of religions and rituals exist. In India, some follow Hinduism, while others believe in spirits of plants or animals. Many Asians engage in regular chanting, praying, or singing, demonstrating cultural diversity that can influence economic development or lead to conflicts.

The book also provides insights into the differences between urban and rural lifestyles and the various ways people make a living, such as growing food in rainforests versus buying it in crowded global cities. It also discusses different governance systems, such as the hereditary leadership in some African cultures, which the I find it strange due to the exclusion of women from power.

The book is my “travel buddy”, offering extensive knowledge about different cultures and the importance of respecting local customs. The next time I go to a place with a totally different culture, I will obey their customs. “When in Rome, do as the Romans do” emphasizes the importance of being able to behave and respect different cultures. Wherever I go, I will value the culture belonging to that place.

Book Read

Book Title : The Usborne Book of Peoples of the World
Author : Gillian Doherty and Anna Claybourne
Publisher : London: Usborne, 2011.

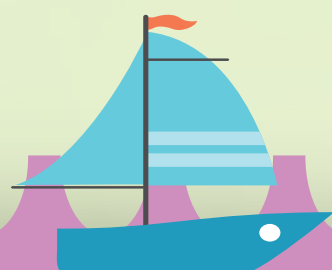
Comments

- Nice connection of personal reflections with content of the book; interestingly and engagingly written.
- The book’s messages can strongly tie to the theme.

Lo Chun Him

W F Joseph Lee Primary School

Topic Let's Tour the World Cultures in Eighty Days



Have you ever dreamt of travelling around the world? Do you want to learn about different world cultures? If so, Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne is an interesting book that you can’t miss. Verne created an extraordinary story by skillfully interweaving adventurous, detective and love elements. Readers will be intrigued by its exciting content.

The story follows a courageous man, Phileas Fogg, who is trying to win a bet that he made with the Reform Club that he can travel around the world in eighty days. In the late 19th century, it was not an easy feat. Then he sets off with his French butler, Jean Passepartout. At the same time, Detective Fix is chasing and trying to arrest Fogg because he thinks Fogg is a bank robber. In India, Fogg and Passepartout rescues an Indian princess, Aouda, who marries Fogg in the end. These four main characters fight their way through countless obstacles in order to reach home, London, and Fogg wins the bet in the end.

What I enjoyed about Around the World in Eighty Days is that Verne creates a fascinating tour around the world which lets me delve into the cultures of different countries in the late 19th century. For example, I learned more about the transportation like steamship, elephant ride, train and sledge. Moreover, I learned more about the Indian customs like burning the widow and taking bath in Ganges River. I also learned more about the Japanese daily lives like wearing kimonos, dying the white teeth into black and having tea ceremony. All the scenes are described in great details in the book. They give me a peek into the lives of the people in the past and the people who lived in different countries with different cultures. For me, it is a journey of culture shock indeed.

Around the World in Eighty Days also makes me reflect on how the world’s cultures have changed significantly and substantially since the book was published. If you want to know more about the world’s cultures in the late 19th century, go borrow the book and see for yourself!

Book Read

Book Title : Around the World in 80 Days
Author : Jules Verne
Publisher : London: Legend Press Ltd, 2017.

Comments

- Effectively highlighted the adventures and cultural explorations of the book.
- Conveyed the excitement and joy of reading to the reader.

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Yau Wai Ting

NTWJWA Christian Remembrance of
Grace Primary School

Topic Chinese Food vs. Western Food Culture

Have you ever wondered why people eat such different foods in different countries? It's because of history, geography, and lifestyle. I read a book called "Food Fight" that explained all about it.

Let's compare Chinese and Western food. China's warm and humid climate is perfect for growing rice, so rice and noodles are staples in Chinese cuisine. They are paired with a variety of vegetables and meats, and cooked using methods like steaming, stir-frying, boiling, frying, braising, stewing, and baking. This creates a diverse and delicious cuisine. Famous Chinese dishes include Kung Pao Chicken, Mapo Tofu, and Peking Duck.

In Western countries, the climate is more temperate, making it ideal for growing wheat and potatoes. So, bread and potatoes are the main staples in Western diets. They are often paired with vegetables and meat and cooked using methods like frying, baking, roasting and grilling. Famous Western dishes include spaghetti, pizza, and hamburgers.

Since ancient times, Chinese and Western food cultures have influenced each other. In modern times, with the development of globalization, the exchange of food culture between China and the West has become closer. Through the food culture of different cuisines, we can better understand the world and enhance respect and tolerance for different cultures.

Dining customs also differ between Chinese and Western cultures. In China, families often gather around a large table to share meals. There are specific seating arrangements, usually with the elders at the head of the table. In Western families, individuals often have their own plates. While their dining styles vary, both cultures value food and have their own unique table manners.

I find it fascinating how different foods can be from one country to another. It's like a global culinary adventure! I'd love to try food from all over the world.

Book Read Book Title : Food Fight!: a mouthwatering history of who ate what and why through the ages
Author : Tanya Steel
Publisher : Washington: National Geographic, 2018.

Comments

- Well structured and clear flow of ideas.
- Effectively captured the highlights of the book.

Yiu Yiu

Alliance Primary School, Kowloon Tong

Topic Tour the World's Cultures Nigeria:
A Kaleidoscope of Diversity and
Cultural Richness in West Africa

Nigeria: A Kaleidoscope of Diversity and Cultural Richness in West Africa

Nigeria, officially known as the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a diverse and vibrant country. The Nigerian flag bears two green vertical bands with a white band in the middle. The green bands represent the forests and resources of the country. The white band stands for peace and unity. It also has an estimated population exceeding two hundred million!

Nigeria has an extraordinary culture. Osun Osogbo is a fourteen-day festival held in August of each year. Some people believe the water can heal. Worshippers are dressed in white and pray as they kneel. A young girl is chosen to represent the "Osun" goddess. She can be seen carrying a basket on her head. Osun Osogbo has an interesting history. Yeye Osun, a river goddess, appeared in front of Olutimehin, requesting him to lead people to Osogbo town, promising protection and prosperity in return for an annual sacrifice.

The Calabar Carnival is an astonishing event. It is held in Calabar, Cross River States, and lasts for a sleepless and bustling thirty-two days. People wear colourful and bright costumes and dance all day at this mass parade. You might spot some "masquerade" masks. The "masquerade" represents a mythical and respected figure that appears at different Nigerian festivals.

After reading the book, I learnt a lot more about Nigeria. I found out about Nigeria's spectacular culture. It also made realise Nigeria's complexity. Festivals and local life always interested me in visiting the places. But after reading this, I realised how the community tries to overcome problems with strength and spirit. It inspired me to respect diversity and cultures of expression. I made it clear about Nigeria traditions and cultures, and the same motivated me to explore more depth to appreciate the richness. I wish to go there and experience the marvelous events.

Book Read Book Title : Nigeria
Author : Golriz Golkar
Publisher : Minneapolis: Bellwether Media, 2021.

Comments

- The ideas were clearly stated and supported.
- The expression was clear, accurate and appropriate for purpose.

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