

## Exchange Program: India

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### Introduction

Here you will travel to Asia and explore the Indian culture. You will know more about the way they live, the most representative customs of one of the oldest and unique cultures in the world and other interesting and important things. Many elements of India's diverse culture, such as Indian religions, yoga and Indian cuisine, have had a profound impact across the world. Before you begin, write a few things that are common in your country: way of life, food, customs, music, and other important issues. Throughout the activities you will identify the similarities and the differences between your culture and the most known Indian culture practices. You will also analyze how those unknown practices could differ with your way of life and thinking. So, let's start! Have fun :)

### Tasks

You will be exploring the Indian culture with your peers, in order to discover all the interesting things of this topic. Each stop you make has a link that will take you to the different activities. At the end of the activities you will be able to: Identify the differences between your own culture and the Indian culture, in order to develop a tolerant attitude towards different perspectives. Describe the common practices in Indian. Express your point of view towards Indian culture, and to take a reflective position towards yours. You should take notes, writing down the most interesting things for you, to use them later in order to develop the activities

### Process

1 What do you know so far about India? Try these two simple quizzes and find it out! Quiz 1 Quiz 22 What is culture? The first thing you are going to do is to give a definition of culture. Then, you are going to watch the video below (#1) and with the given information you have to redefine the concept you gave before. When you are done, share your ideas with your partners. 3 Watch the Prezi presentations (about Indian culture and Colombian culture) which contains interesting information about both cultures. After that you have to answer the following questions: What is the predominant religion of your country? What are the differences you found between your country's religion and the principal religion of India? Which similarities did you found about the gastronomy of these countries? What new things did you learn about Indian culture? Identify 10 facts you liked the most about Indian culture. Which behaviors or practices could get in conflict between Colombian and Indian culture? 4 Click on the links below. You will be directed to two jigsaws that are related to Indian culture. Relax for a while. When you are done, click on the videos below (Taj Mahal and the Holi festival) and answer the following questions: What do you think about the facts you saw in the video about the Taj Mahal? Do you think Colombia has a similar festival Holi? Watch the video "The color run Bogotà ½". 5 Have you ever heard about Mahatma Gandhi ? Visit the links below to get to know about these two important characters related to India. Mahatma Gandhi Then, answer: What is the most important point in his teaching ? Do you think should we apply his principles in our daily life?

### Evaluation

Your grade reflects your individual and collaborative work and it will be based on your effort, what you learned and the team work.

Category and Score	Poor	Average	Very good	Excellent	Score
Team work	Students did NOT collaborate. (0-8 points)	Student did not make an effort when doing the assignments. (9-14 points)	Team work was fairly well. However, there is a lack of equal cooperation. (15-22 points)	The information was shared with a high level of cooperation. (23-30 points)	30 points

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Grammar and spelling	The sentences contain many mistakes and the most of the words are spelled incorrectly. (0-3 points)	Sentences are missing key elements. (4-9 points)	Few mistakes in spelling and grammar. (10-14 points)	The student's production is really good. (15-20 points)	20 points
Content of knowledge	Student's do NOT show effort in the activities. (0-9 points)	Student's process shows some effort, sentences are more developed. (10-18 points)	Student's process was very good, but not he/she can improve it. (19-29 points)	Student's process has minimal error and shows depth of knowledge. (30-40 points)	40 points
Opinion	The student is not able to give his/her own opinion. (0-3 points)	The student gives his/her opinion based on the partners' points of view. (4-5 points)	The student's points of view are good but he/she needs to go beyond. (6-7 points)	The student's points of view are well developed. (8-10 points)	10 points
				Total Score	100

## Conclusion

Congratulations! You just reached the goals through this WebQuest. Now you can explain what culture is and you can speak about the differences between Indian and Colombian culture. We hope that you have had a better understanding about different cultures and improved your English skills.

## Teacher Page

The main purpose is to increase cultural awareness in students through the use of English, and to teach students to be more sensitive and tolerant with the different cultures and perspectives around the world. This WebQuest can be worked individually or by pairs, and the expected time is around two hours.

### Standards

This WebQuest is designed for fifth or upper graders. Students will have a deeper understanding and acceptance and develop a critical thinking of cultural diversity, by observing and comparing the main cultural features of other cultures with their own.

### Credits

### Other