

International Education Week

Suggested Activities for K-12 Schools

The following list is just a start. We encourage you to be creative in planning events for IEW and let us know about your activities.

- 1.** Incorporate information on a country or culture into your regular lesson plan, even if you don't teach social studies.
- 2.** Explore international aspects of the arts music, film, theatre, visual arts, literature, dance by creating, performing, or studying artworks with an international component. This could include a field trip to a museum or concert or showing a foreign film in class.
- 3.** Adopt a school in a developing country and donate school supplies, reference materials, and other items.
- 4.** Trade questions and answers with students from another country through the Internet, pen pal clubs, or a Digital Video Conference.
- 5.** Encourage cultural understanding for students using the online resource One World: Connecting Communities, Cultures, and Classrooms. Sponsored by the National Football League and Scholastic Inc., this unique education resource designed for teachers. The free, web based program may be downloaded [here](#)
- 6.** Organize a crosscultural potluck lunch in which students bring in or make foods from their homeland or ancestors' homeland.
- 7.** Ask students to write essays on countries they would like to visit and why they chose those countries.
- 8.** Feature local international experts as speakers: Fulbright Students and Scholars, former diplomats or Peace Corps volunteers, business leaders working for multinational corporations, or journalists.
- 9.** Participate in a [Model UN](#).
- 10.** Assign students to produce a video or website about their crosscultural experiences. The video could explore issues of cultural idiosyncrasies, stereotypes, and/or their own experiences in another culture.