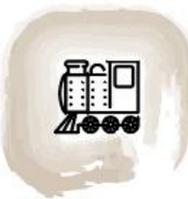


IO4 Webquest

Innoventum – Finland

History



Vappu celebration in Finland

Key competences: cultural awareness and expression; digital competence; teamwork; creativity; design, communication, social skills.

Key words: European culture; Finnish history and cultural traditions; Nordic traditions, European celebrations, online research; teamwork.

Introduction

This aim of this webquest is to introduce you to the history of Finnish Vappu celebration.

The webquest will make you reflect and understand the origins and history of the Vappu, and why it is one of the biggest celebrations in Finland, together with Midsummer and Christmas.

Vappu celebration in Finland can be understood as the International Workers Day (May Day, Labor



Day), a massive graduation party for secondary school bachelor students, or a carnival spring party that celebrates the end of the long Finnish winter. Traditionally, the feast is celebrated on 30th of April and 1st of May in Finland.

During the process, you need to look for information on the Internet about the history and origins of Vappu, the different ways it can be celebrated and its different meanings.



Tasks

You and your friends will organize a Vappu party, a very popular celebration in Finland, a Nordic country where a harsh winter shapes the mindset of people, to massively welcome the season of light, the sun and the spring!



To achieve this, you will search information about Vappu and get familiarized with the different ways of celebrating it in Finland. You will reflect, discuss and design your own Vappu celebration, including spring elements from your own country of origin. Together with your group, you will produce a video of the party, take pictures and write a report of the whole process



Process

Step 1: Create a group and divide tasks

Create consensually a group, ideally with participants of different ages. Discuss the division of tasks equally; each participant should have a task to perform. For example: who is responsible for filming the preparations and the party, who designs the invitations, who buys and / or prepares the party catering, who is responsible for decorations, who writes the report etc.

Step 2: Search information

Search information about Vappu using the given links. Familiarize yourself with the different ways of how it is celebrated in Finland.

The following resources can be used to complete your task:

Name	Link
Google	https://inktank.fi/in-pictures-the-history-of-finnish-holiday-vappu/ https://finland.fi/life-society/finland-shows-carnival-colours-on-may-day/ https://finlandtoday.fi/your-guide-to-vappu/ https://www.officeholidays.com/countries/finland/vappu.php https://www.nomadepictureans.com/europe/finland/vappu-finland/ https://www.foreigner.fi/articulo/lifestyle/vappu-unique-holiday-that-finns-celebrate-hard/20190428202117001777.html
Wikipedia	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZcFsAO1Nw8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-udg7154jiA

Step 3: Analyse, reflect and discuss

Analyse, reflect and discuss with the group why do Finnish people celebrate Vappu, and how. What are the key features of Vappu in Finland?

Reflect and discuss, generate your own ideas for connecting the idea of Vappu celebration to your own culture and history. Is there a celebration similar to Vappu in your country of origin?

Learning outcomes

By completing this activity, you will acquire the following knowledge, skills and attitudes:

Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual knowledge about Vappu celebration in Finland and in other cultures • Knowledge about Finnish history and culture. • Knowledge about the positive and negative sides of the celebration • Knowledge how to organize and arrange a party. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use research skills to look for specific information online • Analyse and reflect online information • Develop and use organizational skills, teamwork, negotiation and communication skills within the group through planning and organizing a party • Develop and use creative skills when planning of the content of the party • Use of social skills when hosting a party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of history background and how it shapes culture. • Respect and understanding of other's traditions. • Collaboration and understanding between different members of the group and their own history/cultural background. • Willingness to create and produce something new with consensus.

Conclusion

Together with your group and tutor, reflect on the following aspects:

Is there a celebration similar to Vappu in your country of origin?

What does spring mean in your culture?

How do the students celebrate their graduation from secondary school?

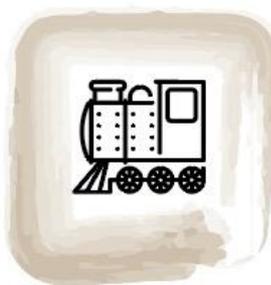
Is there a celebration for workers?

Which are the positive and negative aspects of Vappu celebration in Finland?

How could a Vappu celebration be better?

How was your own Vappu celebration and which were the new elements?

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