



Indigenous Language & Culture invites participants to celebrate, preserve, & revitalize indigenous traditions, stories, and languages through cutting-edge communication technology.

In this category, participants are challenged to create innovative digital materials—whether through videos, interactive apps, digital storytelling, or other media—that highlight and showcase indigenous cultures.

By blending technology with heritage, this category aims to both honor the past and explore new ways of keeping indigenous knowledge alive for future generations.

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Cultural Representation		The project respectfully and accurately represents indigenous culture or language, showcasing its significance.			
Use of Technology		Technology is effectively integrated to enhance the presentation of indigenous culture or language.			
Creativity & Innovation		The project demonstrates creativity, using innovative methods to showcase indigenous content through technology.			
Technical Execution		The project is technically sound, with clean design, smooth interactions, and minimal errors.			
Description of Process		Clear reflection on the creative process and tools used, showing an understanding of how choices impacted the final work.			

Student Guidelines

1. Respectfully Represent Indigenous Culture or Language

Your project should respectfully and accurately represent an aspect of indigenous culture or language. Whether you are showcasing a tradition, story, or language, make sure you do your research and ensure your content is culturally appropriate and meaningful.

2. Use Technology to Enhance the Content

Think about how you can use technology to bring indigenous culture or language to life. Whether through videos, interactive apps, digital storytelling, or another platform, technology should enhance the content you are showcasing. Be thoughtful about how your digital materials can connect with a modern audience while staying true to the cultural roots.

3. Be Creative & Innovative

This is your chance to try something new! Think about how you can blend technology and culture in a way that is innovative and engaging. You can create interactive experiences, digital archives, or even use augmented reality to showcase indigenous stories, traditions, or languages in unique ways.

4. Focus on Technical Quality

Make sure your project runs smoothly and is free of technical issues. Whether it's a video, app, or website, it should be well-designed and easy to use. Test your project for any glitches, errors, or problems that might affect the user experience.

5. Explain Your Creative Process

Be prepared to explain how you used technology to enhance indigenous content. Reflect on the choices you made and the tools you used to develop your project. Your reflection should show that you understand how technology and culture can work together to create something meaningful.

6. Honor Traditional Perspectives

When working with indigenous content, be mindful of your sources and respectful in your presentation. If possible, collaborate with elders in your community or seek guidance to ensure your work honors the culture and traditions you're showcasing.

Example Projects:

1. Interactive Digital Storybook

A multimedia storybook that teaches indigenous legends or folktales, featuring animations and audio narration in both English and an indigenous language.

2. Language Learning App

An app designed to teach basic phrases or vocabulary from an indigenous language, featuring audio pronunciation guides, quizzes, and interactive lessons.

3. Virtual Cultural Experience

A virtual reality experience that immerses users in an indigenous village or cultural event, allowing them to explore traditional practices, crafts, and ceremonies.

4. Cultural Documentary Video

A short documentary that highlights an aspect of indigenous culture, such as traditional music, dance, or art, using interviews and visuals to tell the story.

5. Interactive Map of Indigenous Lands

A digital map that showcases indigenous lands, with clickable regions providing information about the history, traditions, and current issues facing the communities that live there.

Educator Guidelines:

1. Encourage Respectful Cultural Representation

Guide students in researching and representing indigenous cultures with respect and accuracy. Emphasize the importance of using credible sources and, when possible, collaborating with indigenous communities or consulting elders to ensure authenticity. Encourage students to understand the cultural significance behind the traditions, stories, or languages they are showcasing.

2. Support Integration of Technology

Help students think about how technology can enhance their projects. Whether through video, interactive apps, or websites, ensure that the technology serves to highlight and elevate

indigenous culture or language. Provide resources or tutorials on platforms like app-building software, video editing tools, or website creation to help students integrate technology effectively.

3. Foster Creativity & Innovation

Encourage students to explore creative ways of using technology to present indigenous culture. Offer examples of innovative projects that blend storytelling, history, or language with digital tools. Inspire students to experiment with augmented reality, interactive experiences, or digital archives to create engaging, culturally significant projects.

4. Promote Technical Proficiency

Emphasize the importance of technical quality in their projects. Provide feedback on design elements, user interface, and overall functionality. Encourage students to test their projects thoroughly for any technical issues and to ensure the content is user-friendly and accessible.

5. Facilitate Reflection on Process

Ask students to reflect on their creative process, particularly how they balanced the use of technology with the cultural content they are presenting. Encourage them to document why they chose specific tools or platforms, how they ensured cultural authenticity, and any challenges they faced in creating their projects.

6. Encourage Ethical Use of Indigenous Knowledge

Teach students the importance of ethical practices when working with indigenous content. Encourage them to be mindful of intellectual property, cultural ownership, and the ethical considerations of using cultural knowledge in digital formats. Help students understand when and how to credit indigenous sources appropriately.

7. Collaborate with Elders

If possible, foster opportunities for students to collaborate with elders in their communities. This will enrich the project for both the students and the community. Students can learn directly from community voices, which helps ensure that the culture or language is represented accurately and authentically.

8. Provide Resources for Research

Offer students access to resources such as books, documentaries, online archives, or interviews with elders to help them build a strong foundation of knowledge. Guide them toward reliable sources of information and emphasize the importance of understanding the cultural context behind their projects.

9. Create Opportunities for Peer & Community Feedback

Facilitate feedback sessions where students can share their progress and receive constructive criticism from their peers and their community. Encourage them to give feedback on both the technical aspects and the cultural representation of their classmates' projects. Community review can help students refine their work and ensure cultural accuracy.