



Everyday Life

A day in the life of a student...

AN ASL TWINS PROJECT PLAN

General Overview

This TWINS project aims to raise awareness about the differences in the lifestyles of students from both TWIN schools. Students will learn to observe more closely what they do on an every day basis, reporting about it to their friends overseas. This will enhance student's understanding of other cultures as well as help to reduce misperceptions. Students will be made aware that what might be "normal" to them might be quite uncommon for children the same age in other parts of the world. This project will support students in learning how important it is to not to take things for granted and to understand that there are many different ways people around the world live and spend their days.

Key areas covered

This project can span across many different school subjects as well as providing the students with the opportunity to explore various global dimension themes:

- Sustainable development
- Geography and natural resources
- Public health
- Social Science
- Economics
- Home science
- Biology
- English
- etc.

Method

- The TWINS Coordinators of both schools agree to share this project and set a deadline for its completion
- The teachers agree on how the project will be presented
- Students work as a class or in small groups to research the project.
- Once the relevant information has been collected by students the project will be prepared to be exchanged with the TWIN school overseas
- A class is held to analyse and discuss the findings – focusing on the differences of lifestyle, climate, priorities, concerns and ways of life.

The Final Product

On completion, this project can include:

- Illustrations, photos or magazine cut outs
- Photographs
- Quotes from people interviewed
- A booklet divided in to different elements of one's lifestyle which includes descriptions and illustrations

Critical Thinking

Student's critical reflection could include:

- How is my lifestyle different to the lifestyle of my friends overseas?
- Is one way of life better then the other?
- What would happen if I lived like my friends overseas?
- Why do we live this lifestyle?
- Can I change my lifestyle if I wanted to?
- What are choices people make in terms of lifestyle?
- What are the differences in the environment me and my friends overseas live in?
- Is the lifestyle adapted to its environment?
- What happens if the environment changes?