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Languages of New York Course Assignment

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Teachers in New York State have the unique privilege of teaching children from a wide variety of linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It is essential that teachers learn about their students' home languages so they can use their families' linguistic practices as a resource for learning. The goal of this assignment is to create a webpage using the CUNY Academic Commons about a language that can be shared with the rest of the class and with a larger audience of teachers and future teachers so we can all learn from it. If you or any of your family members speak a language other than English at home, I encourage you to choose it so you can share your knowledge with the rest of us. Otherwise, you can choose one of the languages spoken by NY State students. You can find a list of languages here:
http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/ell_home_languages_2017.pdf

What to include in the project?

1- Name of the language in English and in the language (Keep in mind that some languages have multiple names.)
2- At least 5 sections that explore different aspects of the language. Here are some suggestions. (though feel free to include other sections as they occur to you.) Each section should be one or two paragraphs, depending on the topic. (At least 150 words per section)
   - Brief introduction with some key facts
   - Where in the world is this language used?
   - Historical background
   - Does it have a writing system? If so, what kind of writing system?
   - Information about people who speak this language in NY: Are there particular neighborhoods where people concentrate? Are there any local publications in this language? What resources are available for students/families in NY who speak this language?
   - If you speak the language, add some useful classroom/school phrases. (See the guide Languages of New York State to give you some ideas.)
   - Anything else that you might want to add about the language
3- References

Your project should include images, maps, or drawings. You can also add links to short videos or audio files. Make sure to include your sources. It is always important to give credit to the creator. (See the guidelines for APA formatting in the Course Information tab.)

How will this assignment be assessed?

- All of the parts of the assignment are included and each section includes a title and well developed relevant information.
- The page is well organized and provides an overview of the language that you have chosen.
- Each section includes image/s and relevant charts or supporting material, as well as explanatory text.
- The work includes all proper citations.

Here are some useful resources:

Languages of New York State: a guide for educators

https://omniglot.com/writing/languages.htm

https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/language/