

Roman Festival

Aim: to integrate the study of great civilizations, dramatic art, fine art, writing, cooking, vocabulary enrichment, geography, and community development

Materials: Donated fabric supplies and food, large poster board, construction paper, and general classroom art and office supplies. Specialty items can be donated as needed.

Key Points:

- Students create an immersive experience. They learn about a great civilization through multiple learning modalities.
- Student committees develop: edible, dramatic, visual, architectural, musical, and physical experiences from a great civilization for the enjoyment of guests.
- Vocabulary enrichment: historical terms from the ancient world.
- Other classes attend the festival as guests.
- Create shared experience.
- Build community through group work.

Extension:

- Separate classrooms can each do a different civilization.
- Parents could be invited as guests.
- Students could create the festival in a multipurpose room to enter a separate “world”.

Characters with Character

Alertness vs. Carelessness
Attentiveness vs. Distraction
Availability vs. Self-Centeredness
Benevolence vs. Selfishness
Boldness vs. Fearfulness
Cautiousness vs. Rashness
Compassion vs. Indifference
Contentment vs. Covetousness
Creativity vs. Underachievement
Decisiveness vs. Procrastination
Deference vs. Rudeness
Dependability vs. Inconsistency
Determination vs. Faintheartedness
Diligence vs. Slothfulness
Discernment vs. Shortsightedness
Endurance vs. Discouragement
Enthusiasm vs. Apathy
Faith vs. Presumption
Flexibility vs. Resistance
Forgiveness vs. Rejection
Generosity vs. Stinginess
Gentleness vs. Harshness
Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness
Honor vs. Disrespect
Hospitality vs. Loneliness
Humility vs. Pride
Initiative vs. Idleness
Joyfulness vs. Self-Pity
Justice vs. Corruption
Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness
Meekness vs. Anger
Obedience vs. Willfulness
Orderliness vs. Confusion
Patience vs. Restlessness
Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness
Punctuality vs. Tardiness
Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness
Responsibility vs. Unreliability
Security vs. Anxiety
Self-Control vs. Self-Indulgence
Sensitivity vs. Callousness
Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy
Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness
Thriftiness vs. Extravagance
Tolerance vs. Prejudice
Truthfulness vs. Deception
Virtue vs. Impurity
Wisdom vs. Foolishness