

5 Reasons to Use CultureGrams for Better Research, Better Learning and Better Insights



1. **Discover the world!** Individual reports covering 200+ countries, all 50 United States, and the Canadian provinces, are written and reviewed by in-country experts and are updated as new information becomes available, so you can be sure you're offering only the very best, most current information to staff and students.
2. **Be a better reader!** Explore primary source cultural and statistical reports with engaging activities that inspire the pursuit of close reading and critical thinking skills at different grade levels.
3. **Learn how to use data!** CultureGrams data tables teach data skills, and activities such as Tips and Tricks: Build-Your-Own Graphs and Tables provide students an interactive hands-on experience.
4. **Get creative!** Students can experiment and get familiarized with multimedia content in creating their own multimedia presentations. Multimedia content includes country, state, and province reports as well as photos, slideshows, video, interviews, famous people bios, recipes, and much more.
5. **Develop knowledge in a variety of areas!** Inspire learning across the curriculum with:
 - Cricket and Colonization (social studies)
 - Flag Creation (visual arts)
 - AIDS in Africa (health)
 - Fractions and Food (mathematics)
 - And more

Example search and activity using CultureGrams:

Fractions and Food – K through 6

- Tell your students that they are chefs for the president of the United States. They are in charge of preparing the menu for an upcoming dinner, which will be attended by diplomats from all over the world. The president would like to serve all the diplomats dishes from their own countries.
- Assign each student to pick a different country to be in charge of. Each student should read the Food section in the Kids Edition report for the assigned country and look up the country's recipes in the Recipe Collection.
- Inform the students that they will need to double the recipes for the main and side dishes in order to feed all of the diplomats. Explain to the students that they will need to triple the dessert recipes, though, because the diplomats have a sweet tooth. They should pay special attention to doubling and tripling the fractions in the recipes.
- When the students are done with their calculations, tell them that you have just received a memo from the White House saying that due to unexpected events, the dinner has been postponed and as a result several diplomats will not be able to attend. The students now need to halve the original recipes for main and side dishes and – as several diplomats have lately decided to go on a diet – quarter the dessert recipes.
- Have students check their fractions against each other's recipes to make sure their calculations are correct and that they will turn out delicious on the big night!



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