Webquest

Introduction

Door-to-door rounds of Kurenti are a Shrovetide custom practised from Candlemas (2 February) to Ash Wednesday. Kurenti practise their rounds through villages and through the town of Ptuj. Groups consisting of Kurenti and one or more devils run from house to house form a circle in the yard and jump around the owners. According to their beliefs, the noisy bell ringing and brandishing of the wooden stick chase everything evil away and bring happiness to those they visit.

Kurentovanje is one of Slovenia's most popular and ethnologically significant carnival events. The main events of this 10-day rite of spring and fertility are celebrated from Shrove Sunday to Shrove Tuesday in Ptuj, the oldest documented city in the region, and draws around 10,000 participants each year.

Aim

The aim is to learn more about different traditions and cultures; observing ancient traditions in Slovenia and your country.

To enrich the vocabulary, develop the language skills - reading, speaking and presentation skills in particular.

Task

Work in pairs or small groups of 3-4 people. Each pair or group finds information about the carnival traditions activities in Ptuj; about kurenti in general, prepares a presentation on it and explains why it is worth visiting.

Include the following information in your presentation:

- Location and description of carnival activities

- The Kurenti in general

- Traditional activities of kurenti

- Activities you would like to visit

- Interesting facts you like to add

Web support:

http://www.kurentovanje.net/en/main/

http://www.kurentovanje.net/en/events/

https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2017/03/17/chasing-away-winter-with-slovenias-mythical-kurenti/

Conclusion

You did extensive research and learned about the intangible cultural heritage of Slovenia. You experienced the advantages and disadvantages of working together and you had to make common decisions. The task completed gave you an insight of traditional Shrovetide custom practised in Slovenia.

1. Make a presentation and present it to other students in the class