# Global Cultural Bridges

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## Fall 2020 Research

- <u>Research Question</u>: "What are observed trends, advantages, and shortcomings of current diversity curricula in K-12 education?"
- Discovered problems with current implementation
  - If personalized curriculums at each school, then it leaves more room for ambiguous interpretation of cultures & bias in classroom
  - If general content about cultures online, resources tend to be vague & do not encourage further understanding of the culture

# Final Project: Global Cultural Bridges website

- Final project involved a middle ground based on research → a website with resource links to information about different cultures across countries around the world
- Aim to provide accessible resources to readers and interest them in gaining more cultural awareness
- Top image: About page, Bottom image: example menu page for a country (to learn more about its culture)

#### ABOUT

Hi and welcome to Global Cultural Bridges! The Global Culture Bridges is a continually updated platform that aims to bridge people together by including information about culture from countries around the globe!

The goal is to provide exposure to the world around us all and celebrate the diversity in cultures. Currently, the website highlights a very limited number of cultures, however, it is continuously being updated so please stay tuned for more!

All information on the website comes from digital resources that can be found at the bottom of every page. We hope you enjoy "adventuring" through the world digitally and find yourself with new information on one or more cultures!

INDIA

# Mid-semester shift: Social Media Campaign

# Conflicts

- <u>Outreach</u>: It was difficult to find contact information for local teen groups that were still meeting remotely (originally wanted to meet with groups at libraries); Issues in local community also led to difficulty with doing outreach to intended elementary school
- <u>Technical:</u> Website data occasionally did not save all the data, so it remains still being worked on in progress (4-5 countries at the moment)

# Solution

- Shifted to a social media campaign with information from the website content
- Will continue to add posts for the remainder of the month + relaunch website

# CULTURE OF BRAZIL Food Learning more about the country's culture through food!

#### [Cover graphics of selected social media posts so far]

## **Project Summary**



#### Reflection

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#### Always be ready to adapt

Although the local outreach communications would have been easier in-person, I realized new situations (like going remote or community issues) should always be considered

Even while studying about cultures through topics like literature and language, I was able to learn new things myself. I hope to explore the accessibility of resources (like free language learning tools) in future research

#### **Future exploration**



#### New ideas need time to grow

Even though I made the shift to the social media campaign, I made the decision to switch fairly late in the semester. This made me realize that even with back-up plans, I need to understand the important of time and nurturing new ideas.

Moving forward, I hope to continue creating posts and relaunching the site by the end of the month with more information, while developing new metrics for success.

#### **Establishing new metrics**