

Modern Pen-Pal

Secondary 3

Objective	Students will use Groups to search for and find someone from another country. This will be similar to a pen-pal, but it will be much more efficient.
Types of Students	This is a freshman world history class group of students.
Standards	<p>MAK.1: Learners engage in written and spoken conversations on a variety of topics. (Interpersonal)</p> <p>MAK.4: Learners examine, experience, and reflect on the relationships among the practices, products, and perspectives of the cultures studied.</p> <p>MAK.5: Learners use the target language to expand their knowledge of and make connections among multiple content areas.</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A computer with internet access A basic knowledge of the country from where their pen-pal is from.
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. After finished reading the material about their designated country, students will create a profile on

	<p>Groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. After fine-tuning their page to how they want it, students will then find someone from their country of interest. 3. Students from other schools will be “searching” for American students as well. 4. After meeting each other through messages, wall posts, or chats, they will decide on a time to meet each day or week, whatever they deem necessary. 5. Students will be given two weeks to find their person and get to know them on a more personal level. 6. Students will then have to write a formal paper on the country they found this student from and present to the class what a day in the life of their pen-pal is like. <p>After everyone has presented their papers to the class, students will create a book of these papers and leave it in the library for others’ to read.</p>
<p>Application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will form a unique bond with a student from another country. They will get a more personal look at what life is really like in foreign countries instead of just reading from a textbook

	<p>everyday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will use Grou.ps to locate their pen-pal and will use Grou.ps to communicate with them to gather information for their paper.
Evaluation	<p>The students will be evaluated on how well written their paper was and how in-depth they talked about their pen-pal's life. Students will also be graded on their politeness, sincerity, and gratitude they express to their foreign friend. Students will have the ability to receive extra credit if they can receive a "memento" from the country where their pen-pal is from.</p>