



Understanding
our
Environment

Grade Four SuperUnit

Viable Vietnam



Sharing the Resources of our Planet

This SuperUnit is a structured inquiry into helping the learner understand our natural environment. Learners will share the resources of our planet. Learners will be empowered to improve the environmental sustainability of humans. Learners will develop their ability to do sustainability thinking (the process of considering how our daily choices affect our environment).

Enduring Understanding: The sustainability



Highlights of Learning Experiences

SuperUnit Launch:	Vietnamese Cultural Fair
Field Trip(s):	Water Puppet Show, Ao Dai Museum, Vietnamese Traditional Medicine Museum, Children's Tree Farm, and Food Stall Event (On Campus).
Guest Speaker(s):	Jeff Nesmith on photography and videography, Dave Fox on documentary writing
Project(s):	Documentary Filmmaking
Core Values	
Academic Excellence:	Foundational Knowledge, Critical Thinking, Collaboration
Sense of self:	Sense of Community, Character: Tenacity, Self Concept & Resilience
Respect for all:	Cultural Diversity
Dedicated service:	Environmental and Social Responsibility
SuperUnit Celebration:	Grade 4 Film Festival, March 21, 2018



Focus on Learning by Subject

Science:	Earth Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth, Landforms
Social Studies:	Themes of Geography, Mapping, Vietnamese Culture, Sustainability
English:	Narrative Nonfiction, Research Skills, Scriptwriting and Speaking
Math:	Unit 4: Operations with Fractions, Unit 5: Fractions and Decimals
Art:	Silk Paintings based on documentary topics
Drama:	Live Vietnamese Water Puppet Adaptation
Music:	Investigating, arranging, performing, and recording traditional Vietnamese music for documentaries
PE:	Traditional Games: Researching, making and playing Da Cầu (shuttlecock)
Vietnamese:	Interview Vocabulary, Cultural Learning
Library	Narrative Nonfiction, accessing ebooks, and database research

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Questions to Ask your Child

- What did you learn about today?
- What is culture?
- What are the different aspects of culture?
- What do you think makes a good documentary?
- How do you think sustainability and culture are related?
- How is what you're learning about culture and sustainability connected to your life?
- How can I support you with your documentary making?



Home Learning

Examples might include:

- Discussions about different aspects of Vietnamese culture
- Cooking and/or eating Vietnamese food together
- Watching videos or reading articles about Vietnam
- Playing Vietnamese games such as O An Quan and Da Cầu (shuttlecock)
- Discussions about culture and sustainability
- Share your experiences and feelings about living and working in Vietnam



Suggested Home Extensions

Examples might include:

- Enjoying Vietnamese food in local restaurants
- Participate in Vietnamese city or cultural tours
- Learn more about photography and videography together by taking photos and/or videos around the city or your neighbourhood
- Collect footage for the documentaries



Key Vocabulary

Culture
Geography
Sustainability
Journaling

Documentary
Viable
Environment
Storyboard

Camera Angles
Community
Editing
Videography



SuperUnit Launch:

Vietnam Cultural Fair

January 10, 2018

10:00-11:00, Part 1, Auditorium

12:00-1:00, Part 2, Auditorium

Guest Speakers:

Dave Fox, Travel Writer

Documentary, Journaling and Writing

January 15, 2018, Part 1

February 23, 2018, Part 2

Jeff Nesmith, Documentarian

January 15, 2018

Field Trips:

Water Puppet Show

Ao Dai Museum

Vietnamese Medicine Museum

Children's Farm

Ben Thanh Food Stall

SuperUnit Celebration: Film Festival

Wednesday, March 21, 5-7pm



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