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COMENIUS

LET THE CULTURES SPEAK

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PROJECT -ART : Comenius 1.1

COORDINATOR : HALKAPINAR ATATURK PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL

DESCRIPTION OF THE COORDINATOR

Our school is located in Halkapınar district which is not far from the centre of province, Konya. It is near Ereğli district and has 214 pupils. It is pre, primary and secondary school and it takes 8 years. The pupils are between 11-14 years old. Our school has 9 classrooms with average 20 pupils, a computer room and a science laboratory.

In this project, we aim all students notice the differences and how these differences conclude in many similarities among the countries without borders.

Halkapınar and Konya has many natural and cultural richness such as the Taurus Mountains, İvriz dam lake, the old palaces and the great philosopher Mevlana. His messages spread throughout the world embracing the all mankind for the tolerance and the love. For more information, please visit: www.mevlana.com

TARGET GROUPS

- Secondary school students are the participants. (age : 11-14)

THEMATIC AREA

- Intercultural sharings
- The power of drama

- Traditional experiences (showing the richness of cultures)
- Traditional clothes (modern old fashioned)
- Centurified experiences : Proverbs

AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- To put emphasis on cultural living styles
- To notice differences and find a common way among countries
- To show how proverbs reflect people lifestyles through centuries
- To perform proverbs in a drama(tic) way
- To make proverbs live on a crosscultural stage
- To discuss how proverbs appear in history, the background knowledge of proverbs
- To connect stage, fashion and literature

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Searching for the oldest and the most used proverbs by visiting houses and talking with old people.
- Putting these proverbs into a context in order to act them on the stage clearly. (Moreover, suitable places or real life stages can be found to perform the proverbs).
- Providing the traditional items and clothing from villagers.
- Writing a new proverb as a group activity.
- Pre, during and post activities will be shared on facebook group page and our blog page.
- Collecting the proverbs in a book, finding a name for it and making a copy for each country.
- Interviewing with the villagers about the past experiences of people.
- Making the partners join the drama activity by wearing local clothes.

SUMMARY of the PROJECT

On how many clothes did you read the words?

On how many wrinkled faces did you see the experiences of the past?

Proverbs are the saying that have proved their validity about life in time. The reason for them to be carried from one generation to the other is that they have been valid words during the periods lived.

We are aiming to transfer the messages of the proverbs to the audience by making them feel the time when it was first said by wearing the traditional clothes of the original time and by acting on the satge as a drama activity. When doing this, we will have emphasized the importance and messages of the proverbs as well as realizing a drama activity with our students.

HALKAPINAR

Halkapinar locates 160 km. to the east of the provincial centre, Konya. While it was a town of Ereğli district, it became district in 1991. Today it governs at total of 15 villages and towns. Halkapinar is between the oldest settlement areas of Anatolia. Through the centuries, many people lived on these green and fertile lands having Mevlana's, the great philosopher of love and tolerance, doctrine. Moreover, the Ivriz Rock Relief is the first agricultural monument of the world made in 3000 B.C. by Hittites. Also, boys and girls palaces are other historical richness of our district. <http://www.halkapinar.gov.tr/>

Halkapinar is attractive with The Ivriz River and areas for mountain tourism. Green gardens fill your lungs with fresh air and your mouth with natural delicious fruits and vegetables one of which is the best of all: White cherry. You can also taste various food and meals such as arabaşı (a traditional dough meal can be eaten with chicken soup), etliekmek, kebab, sıkma and gözleme etc.

Halkapinar is also close to some touristic beauties such as Cappadocia, Ürgüp, Göreme, Nevşehir. Cappadocia is famous for its fairy chimneys which are formed as a result of floods and strong winds. These natural disasters revealed the perfect shapes of soft rocks. People can also enjoy themselves with balloon tours to see the amazing rocks and shapes.

<http://www.cappadociaturkey.net/>

There is another person, the well-known philosopher, Jalaladdin Mohammed, who is called by names of especially Mevlana, Mevlevi was born Belh City, which is located today in north of Afganistan. He spent his childhood years within great material and sipiritual wealth, he was accepted as a pioneer divine love, grace elegance, love and tolerance.

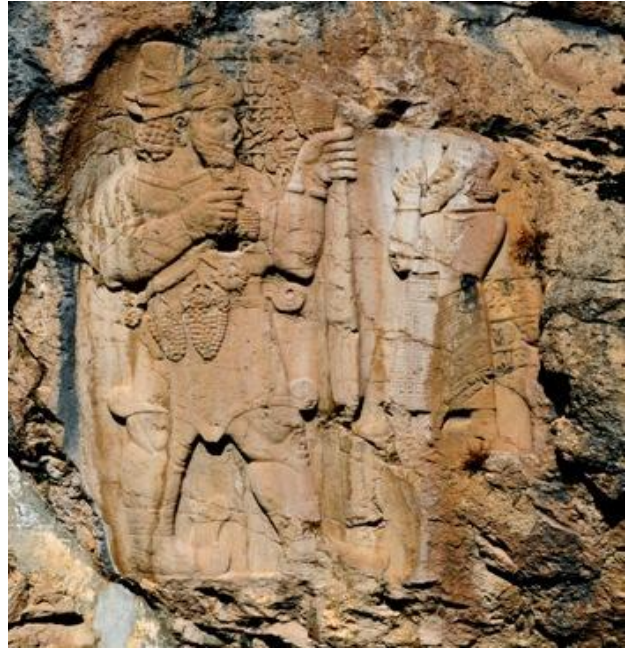
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PHOTOS



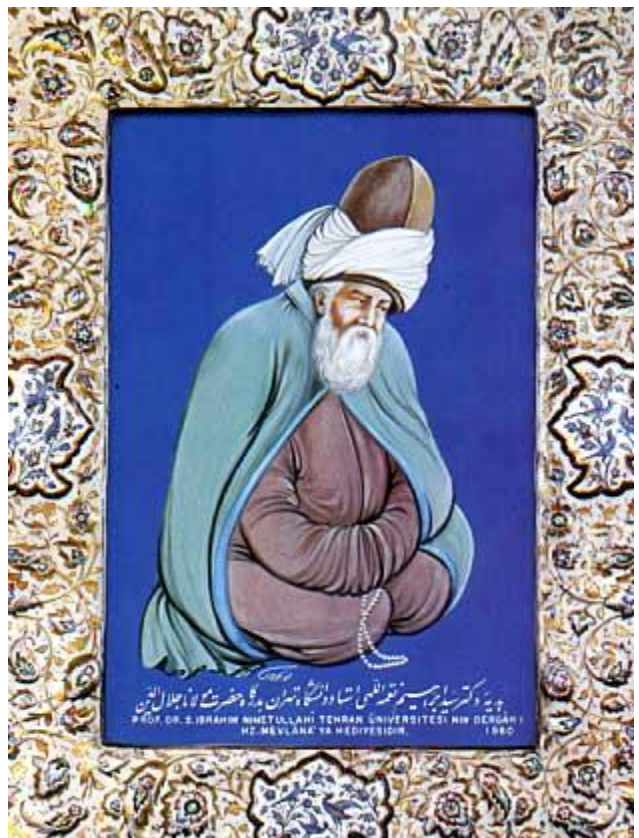
Ivriz River



Ivriz Rock Relief, 3000 B.C



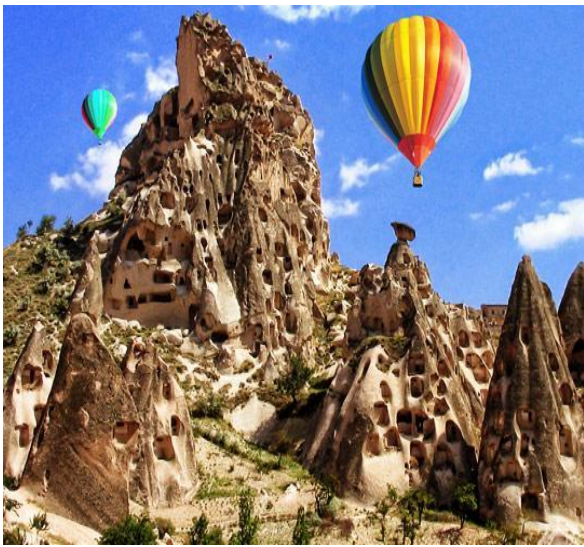
Ivriz Dam Lake



Mevlana



A SPIRITUAL RITUAL, WHIRLING DERVISHES



Cappadocia



Traditional Cuisine

