

PROJECT 3

LET'S CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS !

Culture : les différentes célébrations de Mardi-Gras (origines et traditions), les carnivals célèbres.

Lexique : la célébration, le carnaval, la nourriture.

Projet final (PE) : Créez un *flapbook* carnavalesque.

I. What do you associate this celebration with ?

1) Fill in the crossword puzzle with words corresponding to the illustrations or the definitions.

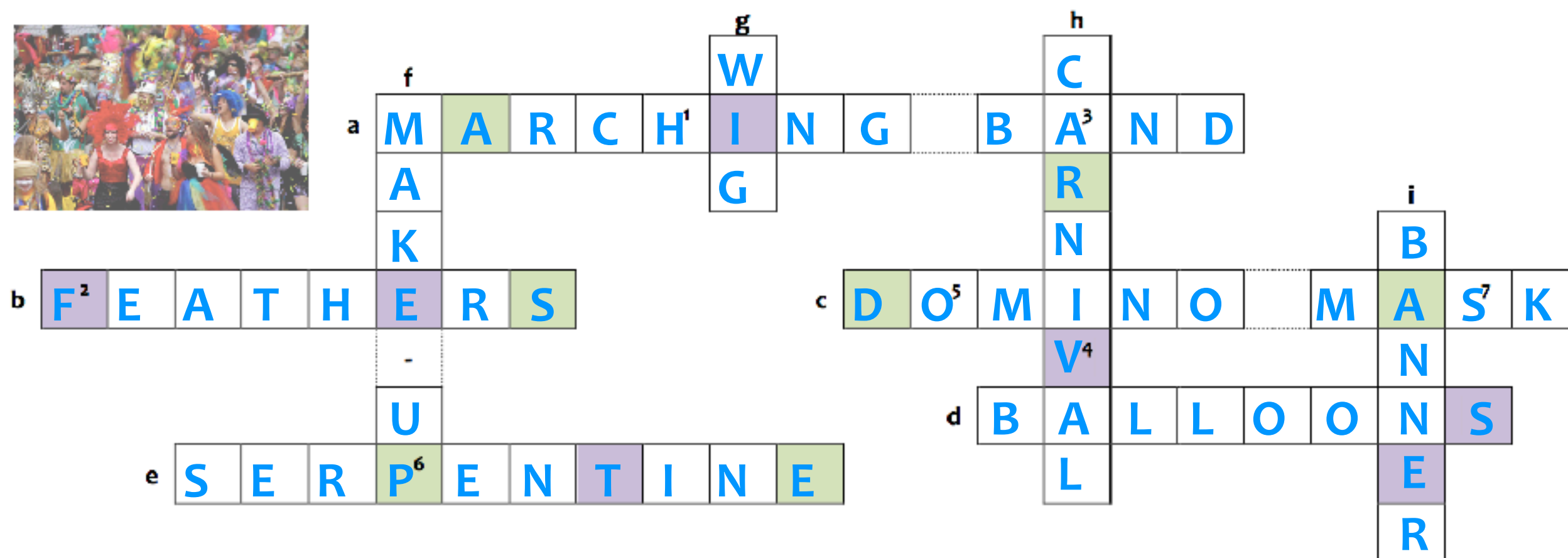


f- coloured substances used on your face to change our appearance

g- a covering of artificial and sometimes coloured hair that can be removed

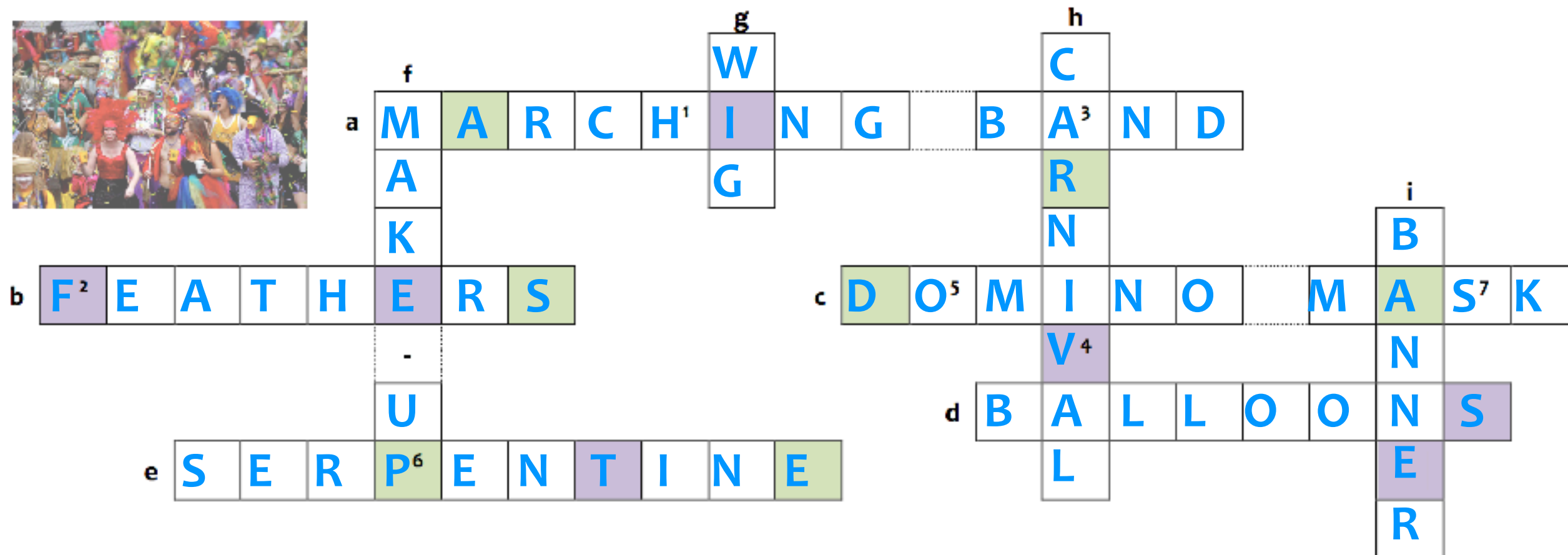
h- Mardi Gras is the last day of the season

i- a long piece of cloth showing a name or a message, big enough to be seen by many people



80 What defines this period ?

Reorder the letters in the purple boxes then in the green ones to find out : ..**FESTIVE PARADES**.....



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2- Have a good look at the illustrations, then write the missing words so as to build up useful expressions.



- RIDE A **FLOAT**¹²



- EAT **BEIGNETS**¹⁰



- WATCH A **FIREWORK**¹⁶ DISPLAY



- WEAR A **COSTUME**⁸

- TAKE PART IN A **MASQUERADE**¹³ BALL **PARTY**¹⁵



3- Now, use the letters that are numbered in tasks 1 and 2 to discover 3 other names for "Mardi Gras".

F A T / **P A N C A K E** / **S H R O V E** **T U E S D A Y**

PANCAKE DAY

LISTEN !

1- Tick if the statements are true or false. Then justify if you tick « False ».

- a) Pancake Day is always on a Tuesday. ☒ True ☐ False ⇒
- b) It takes place during Easter. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **It's 7 weeks before Easter.**.....
- c) It takes place during Lent. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **It's the last day before Lent.**.....
- d) It is celebrated in the USA. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **It is a British celebration.**.....

2- Tick the correct answer.

- a) Lent is : ☐ a period for festive activities ☐ a period of abundance ☒ a period of abstinence
- b) « To fast » means : ☒ to stop eating for a period ☐ to be quick ☐ to eat well

3- a) What do people eat on « Shrove Tuesday » ?

pancakes

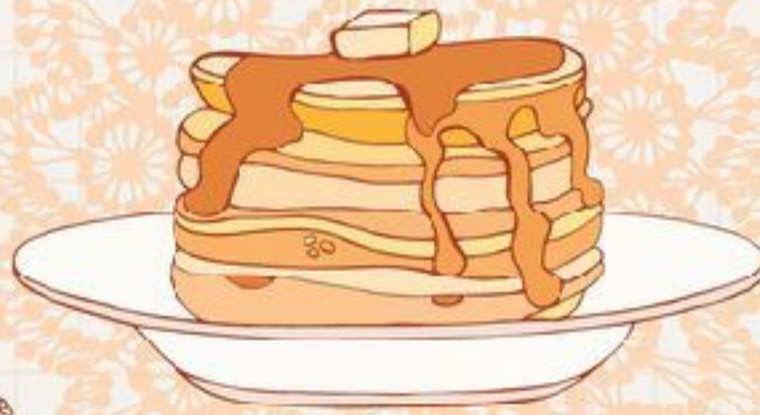
b) Listen and circle the words you hear.

- ⇒ butter - **batter** ⇒ **thick** - pick ⇒ **frying** - flying ⇒ kick - **flip** ⇒ **spatula** - petula
- pâte** **épais(se)**

4- Mention a game or activity held on that day. Give details.

Participants must run a short track (100m) and flip their pancake in a frying pan at the same time. If the pancake falls, they must pick it up. The winner is the person who completes / finishes the race first with his / her pancake still intact.

Pancakes



1 cup
all-purpose

FURLO

2 tablespoons

TEHWI AGRSU



2 teaspoons

NGAKBI WRPDEO

1 teaspoon

LAST

1 **GEG** beaten

1 cup

KILM

2 tablespoons

TAGEBLEVE LOI



In a large bowl, mix [redacted] and [redacted]

Make a well in the center, and pour in [redacted] and [redacted]

Mix until smooth.

Heat a lightly oiled [redacted] or [redacted] over medium high heat.

Pour or scoop the [redacted] onto the [redacted] using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake.

Brown on both sides and serve hot.

WATCH !

5- Note down words matching the following definitions :

- a small room or cupboard where food is stored ⇒ **a pantry**.....
- food added to a more substantial food in order to give in extra flavour ⇒ **topping**.....
- to turn something over ⇒ **to flip**.....
- to confess, to admit ⇒ **to shrive, shrove (forme passée)**.....

Video Culture Class: British Holidays

Pancake Day
Shrove Tuesday

CELEBRATING MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS

Countdown

DAYS 'TIL MARDI GRAS

DAYS HOURS MINS SECS



Visit : www.mardigrasneworleans.com



Origins

Read then tick the correct answers.

- 1- Mardi Gras originally comes from ... ☐ Western Caribbean islands ☒ medieval Europe ☐ modern USA
- 2- The first Mardi Gras in the USA is organized in Fort Louis in ... ☐ 1699 ☐ 1702 ☒ 1703 ☐ 1718
- 3- The first Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans is organized on February 24th, ... ☐ 1758 ☐ 1785 ☒ 1857 ☐ 1875
- 4- The city of New Orleans is located in the state of ... ☐ Alabama ☐ Georgia ☒ Louisiana ☐ Mississippi

Food

Read the statements. Tick if they are true or false. Then cross out any wrong information and correct it.

- 5- a) ~~The Queen Cake~~ is the traditional Mardi Gras food in New Orleans. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **the King Cake**.....
- b) The tradition dates back to the 19th century. ☒ True ☐ False ⇒ **in the 1870s**.....
- c) It's a braided and baked ring of dough, flavored with cinnamon, nutmeg or lemon zest or fruit fillings. ☒ True ☐ False ⇒
- d) In the past, people could find a ~~secret message~~ inside the cake. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **a coin or a bean**.....
- e) Today, they can find a plastic or a porcelain baby inside. ☒ True ☐ False ⇒
- f) The person who finds it has no choice but to ~~eat~~ the next cake. ☐ True ☒ False ⇒ **buy / bring**.....



Traditions

Read and take notes so as to answer the questions.

6. What are the 3 colors of Mardi Gras and what do they symbolize ?

-**purple**... ⇒**justice**..... -**green**.... ⇒**faith**..... -**gold**..... ⇒ ...**power**.....



7. a) What are the clubs that organize Mardi Gras festivities called ?**Krewes**.....

b) Name at least 3 famous ones. ...**Krewe of ... Zulu / Bacchus / Rex / Muses / Nyx**.....

c) How long does it take to prepare and decorate the floats for the parade ?**a year round**.....

d) How much does the making of the Mardi Gras floats cost ? ...**Thousands of dollars**.....

8. a) What are « throws » ? ...**items that krewe members on floats throw to spectators**.....

b) Give some examples. ...**doubloons, beads, cups, homemade trinkets, toys...**.....

c) Name 3 of the most popular « signature throws » ? ...**genie lamps, coconuts, shoes, purses...**.....

c) If you want goodies from the floats, what must you shout ? ...**« Throw me something, Mister / Miss »**.....

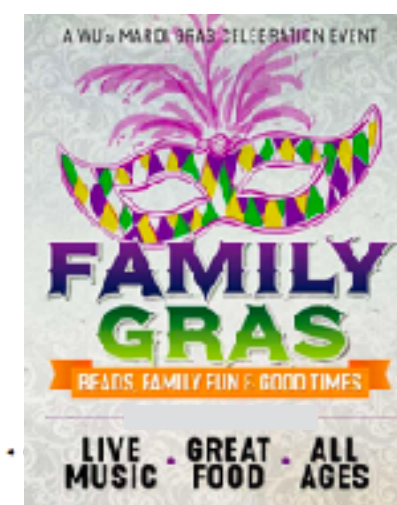
9. a) What is the 3-day event where people can enjoy Mardi Gras parades, authentic local cuisine, local art, a kids' court and free outdoor concerts ? ...**Family Gras**.....

b) When is it this year ? ...**from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th February**.....

10. a) Who organized the first Mardi Gras flambeaux ? ...**the Mystic Krewe of Comus**.....

b) When was it ? ...**in 1857**.....

c) Why was it organized ? ...**Revelers needed to see the parades at night**.....





the Krewe of



MUSES

Happy Are They Whom The Muses Love





THREE FAMOUS CARNIVALS

1- Read and highlight information about each celebration : **its location**, **how long it lasts**, **the activities held**.

The origin of Carnival is uncertain but most people think it began as a pagan celebration in ancient Rome. In **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, the festivities attract people from all over the world. The celebrations last for **four days. It starts on Friday and ends on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday**. The **Samba Parades** are considered as the greatest show on Earth. It began in the 1930s. Now it takes place in the Sambodrome. Quite a few Samba schools participate with shiny elaborate costumes, choreography and percussion. There is **wild dancing and partying all day and all night**.

Also celebrating Carnival in Europe is the Carnival in **Venice, Italy**. When you think of the carnival in Venice, you think of masks. Everyone wears showy, picturesque and elaborate masks and costumes. The celebrations last **about ten days**. During Carnival time there is **music and dancing all day and all night**. There are **games and theatre for everyone**. There is **a water procession with decorated boats**, which concludes with **fireworks**, and **the grand ball on Tuesday** in St. Mark's Square.

Known as the biggest street party on Earth - **Trinidad and Tobago's** Carnival is officially celebrated on the Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday every year. The Carnival festivities **start just after Christmas and continues until Ash Wednesday**.

Carnival Monday opens with **J'Ouvert at 4am**, **when revellers parade through the streets immersed in paint, grease and mud until sunrise**. Later in the day on Monday and all day on Carnival Tuesday, thousands of masqueraders flood the streets throughout the islands in bold, colourful costumes, **dancing through the parade routes to the exhilarating sounds of soca, steelpan and calypso music**.

2- **Who wants to be a millionaire ?**

Think of at least 5 questions about these carnivals and possible answers so as to create an online quiz.



ÉVALUATION

- COMPÉTENCE CULTURELLE
- COMPÉTENCE DE COMMUNICATION- Réception écrite sur le carnaval de Notting Hill

1 SÉANCE 5ème et 4ème LCE

2 enseignantes - 32 élèves.

- Rédaction en équipes mixtes 5ème/4ème de questions portant sur différents aspects des carnivals travaillés lors des séances respectives avec chaque niveau. Accord préalable des 2 professeurs sur les carnivals à aborder.
- Pancake Race dans la cour du collège : 5ème LCE vs 4ème LCE.
- Quiz culturel sur le carnaval (à partir des questions proposées par les différentes équipes).



PREPARE THE - CARNIVAL - CULTURE QUIZ

Team

- 1- Pick 4 of these carnivals : England, New Orleans, Venice, Rio de Janeiro and Trinidad.
- 2- With your team, prepare at least 4 questions. You must suggest at least 1 question for each level.

Level 1

Geography

★ Question n°1 :

⇒ Answer n°1 :

★ Question n°2 :

⇒ Answer n°2 :

Level 2

Traditions (food, drinks, activities ...)

★ Question n°1 :

⇒ Answer n°1 :

★ Question n°2 :

⇒ Answer n°2 :

Level 3

History / Origins

★ Question n°1 :

⇒ Answer n°1 :

★ Question n°2 :

⇒ Answer n°2 :



TAKE THE - CARNIVAL - CULTURE QUIZ

Team

Level 1

Geography

1-

2-

3-

4-

5-

6-

7-

..... x 1 = pts

Level 2

Traditions (food, drinks, activities ...)

8-

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14-

..... x 2 = pts

Level 3

History / Origins

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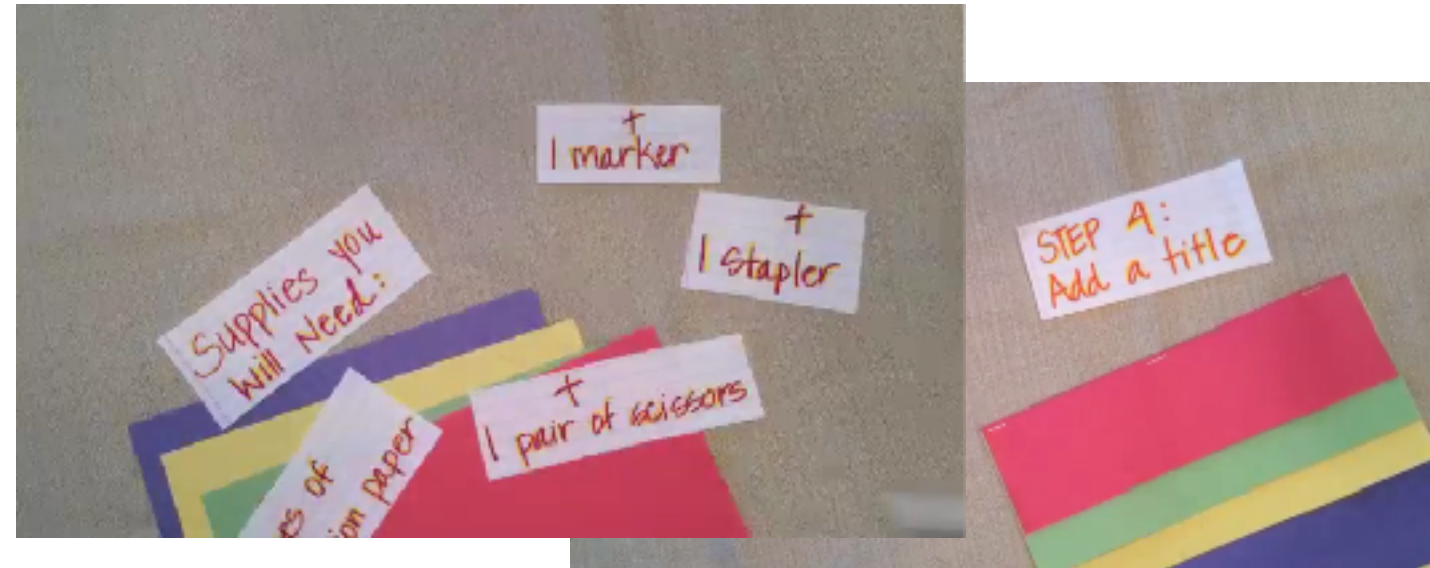
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..... x 3 = pts

RÉALISATION DU PROJET FINAL

- Préparer les supports pour les flapbooks;
- Les renseigner;
- Les illustrer.



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PREPARE YOUR FINAL PROJECT

1- Let fate decide the carnival you are going to write about.



2- With your team, prepare information about the following subjects.

3- Write a few sentences about each subject.

4- Don't forget to mention some interesting information about carnival.

- What ? ⇒ Name of the carnival
Where ? ⇒ Geography
When ? ⇒ Time of the year, duration ...
Origins ? ⇒ History (dates, country...)
How ? ⇒ Traditions
- food,
 - drinks,
 - music,
 - special activities ...
- Did you know ?
- Other names for this celebration,
 - Other carnivals (names, periods...)