

Project: Vacation to the islands East of Africa: Mauritius, Rodrigues, the Seychelles, Madagascar, Réunion, the Comoros

Part 1:

Plan a vacation to the islands east of Africa: Mauritius, Rodrigues, the Seychelles, Madagascar, Réunion, and the Comoros. Research each country/territory to find out more about them and prepare a little guidebook for tourists to attract and inspire them to go visit these islands.

- Highlight such things as tourist sites, local cuisine, festivals and celebrations, traditions, fun facts, etc.
- Include a map as well as a short summary with important details such as the capital, the population, the currency, official languages, etc.
- The guidebook must be written in French, so keep it very simple and avoid using translations programs to do the writing for you.
- Include lots of pictures to accompany your descriptions.
- You can prepare an actual printed guidebook or you can submit a guidebook in digital format.

Part 2:

Find a French story, legend, or myth from one of the islands.

- Read the story and summarize it orally in French using very simple sentences in the passé composé (without using translation programs). You may record your summary and send me the audio file or you may arrange to do your summary live with me over the phone.
- Include some pictures or images (7-10) to accompany your summary which highlight the setting, characters, and events of the story.
- Here are some helpful links for this component of the project, but you are more than welcome to explore other possibilities on your own. Ask Madame Dantier as well if she can suggest any stories from Mauritius in particular.
 - <http://agir.avec.madagascar.over-blog.com/article-contes-et-legendes-de-madagascar-les-titres-88620141.html>
 - <http://www.madalascar.net/contes.html>
 - <http://randriamialy.mondoblog.org/2014/07/08/contes-legendes-de-madagascar-les-personnages/>
 - https://www.potomitan.info/atelier/contes/contes_creole77.php
 - <http://www.bibliothequenumerique-ilemaurice.com/romans-contes-nouvelles.html>

Part 3:

Imagine that you yourself are on vacation and are visiting several of the islands east of Africa. Create a video blog in French in which you feature some of the adventures that you have been enjoying during your vacation.

- The total video coverage should be at least 2-3 minutes in length.
- The video blog must reveal various aspects of the culture found in these islands.
- Be creative. Try filming yourself with scenes resembling your island location or in which you are in the process of participating in the various activities that you are describing. Marks will be awarded for creativity, effort, content, intonation and pronunciation, fluency (memorization), and use of props and other special effects.

Self-evaluation

Write a self-evaluation in English of at least 100 words describing your contributions to the overall project, your effort to meet or exceed expectations, any difficulties or challenges you may have faced, success in achieving your learning goals, the skills you learned and applied throughout the project, etc.

Bonus: (+10 % onto the overall project mark)

A) Prepare a local dish from one or more of the islands and share samples with the class.

Explain to the class a little bit about your selected dish, i.e. where it is eaten, when it is eaten (special occasions?), any interesting cultural facts related to the dish, etc.

B) Other suggestions? Sing songs from the islands, demonstrate various cultural dances, create samples of artwork from the culture, recite poems or stories from the islands, feature prominent figures from various domains (arts and entertainment, sports, politics...), etc.