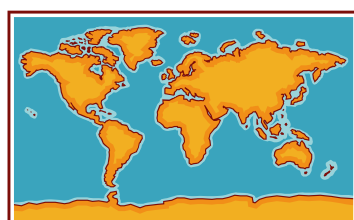


Cultural Connections Spring '12

Mauritian Cuisine & Tet Holiday in Vietnam	<i>Varouna Appiah</i> & <i>Bihn Nguyen</i>	Feb. 3	Mauritian cuisine blends influences from its cultural heritage. Over the years, each community in the country has incorporated and seasoned each other's cuisine to its taste. For instance today, one same meal could have a mixture of Creole, Chinese, European, and Indian accents. Tet holiday or the Lunar New Year is the most popular and important celebration to Vietnamese people. Unique Vietnamese traditions and customs during this holiday will be discussed.
Ghanaian Myths	<i>Christopher Boamah-Mensah</i>	Feb. 10	The Ashanti region is known to have the most interesting folktale stories in Ghana. The most common stories are about Ananse. Some of the motifs behind these stories and moral lessons obtained from them will be discussed.
The Traditional Values of Vietnam	<i>Tuan Nguyen</i>	Feb. 17	With a history of more than 4000 years, Vietnam has very distinctive and significant traditional values, which are well-preserved until today.
Serbia.zip	<i>Ivan Razumenić</i>	Feb. 24	Many times during its rich, centuries-long history, Serbia has been at the centre of Europe's and the world's attention. Indulge yourself in an interactive presentation and discover all you want to know about Serbia (and beyond). Dynamic presentation consisting of short stories with twists and turns, some you will find hard to believe.
Hookah in Lebanon - Origin, Impact and Influence	<i>Alain Rahme</i>	Mar. 2	A presentation about modern day hookah in Lebanon - its origin, influence on the society and how it affects health, the environment and future generations. When and where is it acceptable to use? What's the law in Lebanon, a country recently labeled by CNN as smoker's heaven? How does hookah extend to the western world?
Greek Mythology in Modern Media & China Today	<i>Sidian Lan</i> & <i>Kate Li</i>	Mar. 23	Today ancient Greek mythology is rarely known by the public. They read books and watch movies but what they learn is an alternative story to the classical mythology. The differences between the original Mythology and the modified Mythology will be discussed. Staggeringly vast and a land of great diversity, China, the world's most populous and third largest nation, is playing a more and more important part in the world's stage today. While it is impossible to provide a comprehensive description of China, this presentation will serve as a brief introduction to modern Chinese economy, politics and culture.
Canada	<i>Emeline Diolot, Emma Brown and Scott Morin</i>	Mar. 30	Learn about its history, politics and cuisine.
Agriculture in Brazil	<i>Amanda Sena</i>	Apr. 6	This presentation will examine the major Brazilian industry of agriculture. Topics investigated will include the production processes of significant exported goods as well as their economic benefits and environmental drawbacks.
Singapore: Small Nation, Big Pride	<i>Vivien Fam</i>	Apr. 13	This presentation will provide an insight to how Singapore became independent and the significance of Singapore's National Day. We'll also see how this small nation has grown and become a country filled with pride.
What is Azerbaijan?	<i>Gulsabah Atakishiyeva</i>	Apr. 20	Azerbaijan is a country which little have been said and heard of. Yet it has a long history to tell, interesting culture to share and delicious food to taste. The presentation purposefully called "What is Azerbaijan?" will create a picture of the country, briefly touching history and geography and mainly concentrating on culture, traditions, people and food. It will take you on a quick virtual tour of the country to explore historical places and to see newly-built skyscrapers.
Korean Food	<i>Vivien Fam Sa Rah Sheen</i>	Apr. 27	Various representative Korean foods will be introduced with recipes and their origins.

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