**Un désastre**

There have been numerous natural disasters in French-speaking countries. Choose a Francophone country and research a disaster that occurred there in recent years. You need to include the following information:

* Country name, type of disaster, date of occurrence, exact location affected
* Write a brief description of what happened.
* How did the disaster affect the community?
* Find a story of triumph, tragedy or heroism. What happened? Was there a hero? What was lost or saved? Who helped? Etc.
* What plans are in place to prevent the disaster or minimize future destruction/loss of life?
* If the disaster occurred recently, is there anything you can do personally to help? If it occurred in the past, what could you have done?

**La poésie**

Find a poem in French of at least 8 lines. (Use the textbook, anthologies, literary magazines, or the internet to find a poem.)Tell why you chose this poem. Illustrate the poem: Draw what the poem means to you. Describe the author and poem: Research the author, tell when he/she was born, where he/she lived, and what events in his/her life might have contributed to the writing of this poem.

**L’art**

There are numerous world renowned artists from the French-speaking world. Research a piece of art by a Francophone artist. Give the title of the work. Tell why you chose this piece of art. What do you see in this piece of art? How do you react to it? Research the artist, and tell how he/she began his/her career in art, as well as his/her inspirations, style(s) and mediums of art. Discuss the historical context of the piece of art: does it reflect an artistic movement, a historical event, etc. Create a response piece: your own art, poem, writing, music, etc.

**Les personnages importants**

There are many important people in the history of France. Research a famous French historical figure. You may choose from the following: Napoleon Bonaparte, Joan of Arc, Marie Antoinette, Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur, Coco Chanel, Claude Monet, Claude Debussy, René Descartes. (Feel free to suggest another famous historical figure or to ask me for others ideas). Write a report about this person including the date of birth/death, background, what they are famous for, their impact (positive or negative, lasting legacy) on France and on the world, and your opinion of this person. Provide an image of the person.

**Les vedettes!**

There are many famous actors and actresses from the French-speaking world. While many are only famous in their own countries, many have become world famous as well.

Select one actor or actress from a French-speaking country and research the following information:

* Actor’s name:
* Where he/she was born:
* When he/she was born:
* A brief history of his/her early years and how he/she began acting:
* Movies he/she acted in:
* Awards nominated for/won:

Find and watch a clip of one of the movies with the actor (or the whole movie). Write a brief review of the clip (movie) and the actor. Give your opinion about the clip and the actor’s performance and discuss why someone should or should not watch it.

**Les journaux**

Using current newspapers or magazines, collect 3 articles (in English or French) about French-speaking countries or French speakers in the US.

Include copies or originals of the 3 articles. Be sure to provide the source of the article and your reaction to the content of each article (2-3 sentences each). Pick one article and research the topic in more depth. What additional information did you find? Why is this issue significant? Did your reaction/opinion change after you completed additional research? Why or why not?

**Collage**

Create a collage for a French speaking country. Choose a French speaking country. If you choose France, you must focus on one of the following regions: la Bretagne, l’Alsace, le pays Basque, la Provence, l’île de France, or one of the DOM-TOMs. Write a list of at least 25 word/phrases/names/titles in French that fall into these categories: weather, flag, traditional foods, national anthem, music, indigenous people, native species, geography, customs/traditions, holidays/celebrations, housing, transportation, famous/historical figures, etc. Use images of at least 15 of the items on your list to create a collage. Be sure to attach your list of words in French to the back of your collage. Your collage may be a mixed media piece.