TITLE: Webquesting Around the World: Tuva
CURRICULUM FOCUS: History, Geography or in any World Language Class
GRADE LEVEL: 6-8; 9-12

KU Teacher Workshop: Music, the Arts, and Migration
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A Webquest is an assignment that asks students to use the World Wide Web to learn about a specific topic. The assignment can be given on paper, certainly the simplest and most portable option. A Webquest assignment can also be given on the Web itself by sending students to a Web page which serves as the "starting point" for the student’s information search.”

A good Webquest puts the power of the Web behind your topic. You can show students or let them discover for themselves. Web sites can take your students on a virtual journey to anywhere in the world.

Let’s go to TUVA!

http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuva

Using the address above, answer the following questions:

1. Where is Tuva?
2. What is Tuva’s capital?
3. What is the relationship to the Chinese Qing Dynasty?
4. When did Tuva join Russia?
5. When was Tuva a separate country?
6. With a partner, discuss the importance of the horse in Tuva.
7. What sort of singing is famous amongst the Tuvans?
8. What sounds are imitated in the songs?

9. What rhythm is imitated?

10. What language do the Tuvans speak?

11. What 2 religions do the Tuvans have?

Using the same website – Under “Other websites.”

12. Discuss the musical instruments the Tuvans use.


15. What are Tuvian yurts?

http://www.doyletics.com/arj/tobrvw.htm


Using the above addresses, answer the question the following questions:

16. Who are Richard Feynman & Ralph Leighton?

17. What is their connection to Tuva?

Watch the video.

18. Discuss The Last Journey.
Using the above address, answer the following questions:

19. Who can join the Tuva Astronomy Organization?

20. Where is the Organization?

21. How is Feynman connected to TAO?

For advanced students:

22. Discuss the philosophical overview in relation to “Tuva or Bust” and Dobson’s quote, “The earth is part of the sky.....”

Using the above address, answer the following questions:

22. What is the Alash Ensemble? Who are they?

23. Where have they performed?

24. What do they do?

25. Where are they from?

After the research, you and a friend want to visit Tuva!

Using the web sites below, write 3 questions so your classmate can find the answers based on each of the following.


http://wikitravel.org/en/Tuva

http://www.lonelyplanet.com/russia/siberia/tuva