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TEACHER SCHOLAR LESSON PLAN

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?

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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.
13. Watch video of Tuvan Musical Group.
14. Watch/Discuss the Tuvan National Orchestra.
15. What are Tuvan yurts?

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

<http://videosift.com/video/Richard-Feynman-NOVA-The-Last-Journey-Of-a-Genius>

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*.

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<http://www.tuvaclub.org/tuva.htm>

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.....”

<http://alashensemble.com/>

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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Tuva

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Tuva>

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