



Woodland High School

Travel Abroad Rubric – International Diploma Seal

Congratulations on your decision to travel abroad! Whether you are traveling on a cruise, a mission's trip or traveling with your family or school, we are certain you will learn a lot about culture, customs and language. All of which will help you be a globally competent and competitive citizen. If you are studying the language of the place you are traveling to...don't forget to speak as much of the language as possible. Don't worry about making mistakes.

The Travel Abroad Rubric will help you organize your international experiences so that you will have artifacts, documentation and meaningful reflections to help you plan your Capstone Project.

It will be helpful to read the Travel Abroad Rubric before you leave for your trip so that you can plan and maximize your experiences.

You will need the following:

1. A journal or blog – You will need to keep a daily log of your experiences. Information to include but is not limited to the following. These are just questions to get you started.
 - Where are you going?
 - What you are doing?
 - What new experiences or insights have you gained?
 - How do you feel about the experiences you are having?
 - What sights, sounds, smells, tastes, etc. are new and different for you? How do they make you feel?

You will have to describe in detail your experiences abroad and any reflections you might have for Capstone Project. Your travel journal will help you achieve this objective.

2. Cultural Excursions – Be certain to interact with the culture you are visiting. Here are some ideas. Of course, the sky is the limit here. Just be certain that you are exploring and interacting with the native population in some capacity and that you are interacting with the culture in general. Examples include, but are not limited to...
 - Visiting a museum or other historical location
 - Take a guided tour
 - Order and eat in an **authentic** restaurant
 - Visit local markets/malls
 - Visit parliament, etc.

3. Artifacts – Artifacts are pictures, ticket stubs, receipts, etc. that you received from your travel. Pictures are a great way to memorialize your experiences. However, you can collect other artifacts to refer to in your Capstone Project as well.
4. Official Documentation – Official documentation of your travel can be a copy of your passport with stamps and dates of travel. ***In some places you will need to ask for a stamp since electronic stamps are now being used.*** Other documentation include, your cruise/airline boarding pass with your name, etc. Official documentation should come from a third party such as a governmental entity, a business, a non-profit organization, a religious organization, etc. and can serve as evidence of your travel abroad. Your name and dates of travel should be included in your documentation.

If you are unclear about any of the information contained in this rubric, please see a World Language teacher or Dr. Ellis.

Bon voyage!

¡Qué tenga buen viaje!

Gute Reise!

Have a nice trip!