

Minority Myths

Description

Each culture has its own myths and legends. In general our history books pay more attention to the 'majority myths', whilst there are some very interesting myths in minority cultures as well. For this project the children are expected to do research and write a report on historical legends and myths that are characteristic for their minority. The report has to be written in the minority language. A good example is the legend of 'Grutte Pier', a Frisian farmer who became a 'giant' freedom fighter after the Saxons burned down his farm in 1515. Grutte Pier became a true legend and it is difficult to say which stories about him are true or not. The minority myths project pays attention to regional legends such as Grutte Pier.

Learning objectives

The project "Minority Myths" has the following learning objectives:

- To teach/improve the pupils' research skills
- To teach the pupils to gain a better understanding of their own cultural background
- To create an intercultural awareness among the pupils
- To teach/improve the children's minority language skills
- To teach/improve the children's writing/reporting skills

Target Group

This project is suited for children of all ages, however it is recommended that these children are able to read and write in their minority language.

Optional variety

Optional varieties for this project are endless, here follows an overview of ideas:

- Write a school play about the legend, in which the children could perform.
- Let the children prepare a presentation about their legend.
- Let the pupils make a website about their legend.
- Let the pupils write their reports in English and exchange them with minority myth reports from partner schools.