Comestible Crossword Puzzle and Encyclopedia

College and Career Ready Standards: (I) 1.1, 3.1-3.2, (W) 2.1, (LCS) 5.1

OVERVIEW:

Students will be given a crossword puzzle that will include ingredients popular in LowCountry cooking. The crossword puzzle will feature content that will be featured on exhibits. The crossword puzzle will feature content that will be featured on the exhibits. The modern name of the ingredients will be included along with the ancient name such as the name “goober”, an ancient word from the African kingdom of Kongo meaning “peanut”. With the Internet at your fingertips, an encyclopedia may seem unnecessary. However, students will then create a one page encyclopedia featuring a photo of a Lowcountry ingredient, its origins, its health benefits, and some of the dishes in which it is popular featured in Lowcountry cuisine and overall southern cooking.

OBJECTIVE:

Students will create a one page encyclopedia entry and a photo of Lowcountry ingredients, its origin, its health benefits, and some of the dishes featured in Lowcountry cuisine.

CONTENTS:

Crossword puzzle, paper, pencils, markers, are needed. Poster boards or stock paper can be used but is not required.

STEPS TO CREATE AN ENCYCLOPEDIA:

DEFINE THE KNOWLEDGE

Gather the information that your encyclopedia will hold.

CREATE A TEMPLATE

Create a template. Use the same type of format for each entry. This will help you to organize the information uniformly. Write the name of the entry, a description, specific characteristics and examples and add pictures. For example, if you’re creating a plant encyclopedia, write the scientific plant name, a description of what kind of plant it is, identifiable characteristics such as thorns or flowers and the commonly used names or varieties. At the bottom of the entry, add a photo or a drawing. (The pictures can be drawn)
**RESEARCH THE INFORMATION**

Conduct research for each entry. This may mean paging through a textbook, re-reading a novel, looking online or going to the library. You'll need to find all of the information that matches your entry format. For example, if your art teacher asks you to create an encyclopedia of famous works of art, review your class text and art history books or visit the websites of art museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the National Gallery of Art.

**BIND IT TOGETHER**

When all of your entries are complete, order them alphabetically. If you have multiple entries for each letter, make separate volumes for each -- such as an "A" book, a "B" book and so on. Alternatively, place the entries in order starting with the letter "A" or whatever letter is closest to it. Make a front and back cover out of card stock, poster board or cardboard. The cover and back should be slightly larger than the pages. Stack the encyclopedia together with the cover and back. Staple the left side. Use a piece of duct or book-binding tape to cover the staples. Place the spine of the book on the middle of a piece of tape and fold one side onto the front and the other onto the back. Write a title and your name on the front with markers.

**REFERENCES**

Eduplace: Creating an Encyclopedia Entry