



Do-It-Yourself Badge Worksheet

Junior Girl Scouts "World Neighbors" Badge

You will be able to complete or gather information that will allow you to complete requirements 3, 5, 8, and 10 for this badge.

Did you know the Museum hosts an Ethnic Heritage Festival every year? It usually takes place on the first Saturday in February. The Festival showcases music and dance from countries from around the world and their connections to Grand Rapids. Many ethnic groups with a presence in West Michigan have displays and are eager to talk to you about them. Ask them about any special clothing they are wearing. Is there special significance? What do they like best about wearing them? What special traditions are they used for? What are their favorite traditions? How are they similar to ones you have? How are they different?

*Traditions, The World Next Door, & It's a Small World:
Newcomers-The People of This Place*
(3rd Floor)

Traditions

Holidays and celebrations are important to everyone, no matter what their culture or background. What is your favorite holiday tradition? How might it be celebrated differently in another country?

In many countries, rites of passages are often celebrated. In most cultures, a "rite of passage" is a ritual someone must go through in order to progress to the next stage in their life. The Newcomers exhibit shows a variety of rites of passage in different cultures. For example, in the Mexican culture, when girls turn 15 years old, they participate in a party called a quinceañera. A quinceañera celebrates religion, family, and friends in a young lady's life. Are there any traditions similar to this in your culture? Do you know anyone who has participated in a quinceañera? Can you think of any other rites of passage you have participated in?

The World Next Door

The exhibit *Newcomers: The People of This Place* tells the story of the wide variety of people who have settled in Grand Rapids over the years. Immigrants have come to West Michigan from all over the world, including countries in Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe. How many different countries can you find

represented in the Newcomers exhibit? Why did they come to Grand Rapids? What sorts of contributions have they made to our community?

It's a Small World

Pick a country or a tradition in the Newcomers exhibit that stands out to you or seems particularly interesting. After you leave the Museum, learn more about its history, customs, and heritage. How is it represented in Grand Rapids? Why is it important to learn about cultures different from your own?

Clothing all Over the World

Find out about the typical or traditional type of clothing that is worn by girls and women in several countries by visiting the following exhibits:

H is for Hats features headwear from around the world. *J is for Japan* displays a kimono, which is traditional clothing. There are dolls from many cultures dressed in traditional clothing in the *D is for Dolls* exhibit. Take a look at the shoes in *O is for Oddities*. Look at photos and clothing in *Newcomers: The People of This Place*.

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

Pick up a copy of the *Grand Rapids Herald* from the newsboy outside of Streets of Old Grand Rapids. Use it as a template for making your own newspaper from information you learned at the Museum.

The Love of Language

Spend time in the English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom in the Newcomers Exhibit and learn Bosnian, Vietnamese and Spanish words for common objects, such as map and desk.