

# Young Authors Gazette

## Week 3: Around the World & Heritage



Thank you for sharing your Young Author with us this week! We had a camp week full of globetrotting, waterslides, and laughs as we celebrated our unique cultures and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Young Authors learned about cultures, traditions, and practices from around the world, then created their own! On the 4th of July campers got to visit a carnival, which had various fun stations, including a dunk tank and a cotton candy making area. We were delighted by the creative and thoughtful writing that was shared for our Anthology and during our weekly Author Share!

**Mr. Blake and Ms. Ella**

Our theme for Week 3 was World Heritage. We had a number of fun writing prompts to consider in the morning as our young authors pondered traveling to other lands and cultures, both inside and outside of the U.S. We started the week with a roll & write activity and wrote short biographies for the anthology. Mr. Blake shared a slideshow and a video from his time in South Korea to spur campers' writing on their experiences, real or imagined, abroad, in addition to creating worlds with LEGO bricks to set the stage for written stories. Campers finished their LEGO-inspired writing pieces,



and by popular demand, made more Pokemon-styled camper cards. We ended the week with selecting pieces for the anthology and had an authors' share with the rest of the Young Authors Day Camp.

### **Ms. Natalie, Mr. Kasen, and Lumi**

Our young authors had a wonderful week learning about heritage and practicing writing from around the world perspectives! We began our week with setting the tone and sharing some of our favorite family traditions, norms, and heirlooms/special objects. We were amazed with the genuine care



and interest that our campers showed for each other's cultures. This week, the group was particularly invested in writing Mad Libs and became quite well versed in knowing parts of speech. We also created our own countries, including new flags, passports, and national anthems.

Lastly, the highlight of our week was the 4th of July Carnival and other festivities on Thursday. Aside from a carnival of bouncy castles, a dunk tank, and loads of snow cones, campers played four-way capture the flag (congratulations white team!), camp wide tug of war, and plenty more. Thanks for another awesome week!!

### **Ms. Jane and Mr. Sam**

This week at YADC, we explored different aspects of culture! On Monday, we saw how people did their grocery shopping in different countries and then reflected on our own favorite foods. On Tuesday, we wrote a wacky story as a whole class about an alien and wizard detective on a distant planet, and then each camper came up with their own individual ending. We also created our own countries and our own passports. Writers reflected on themselves with the prompt: To know me



is to know... Later on, creating our original Mad Libs allowed campers' writing to be creative and interactive. We finished up this fun-filled week with Choose Your Own Adventure stories!

### **Ms. Megan and Ms. Tanusree**

This week, Ms. Megan and Ms. Tanushree's campers celebrates heritage week by learning about

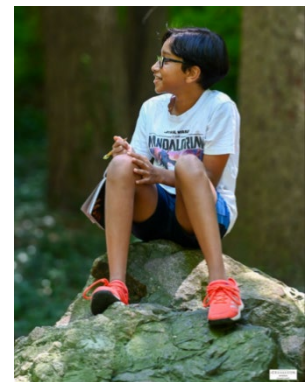


and writing different poetic forms from around the world, from Japan to Italy, and from Russia to Persia. The campers also learned how to find inspiration for their writing in new places. They learned how to use famous artwork like Edvard Munch's "The Scream" to write ekphrasis

(extremely detailed and visual descriptions) poems and stories; they rolled dice to randomly choose a protagonist, villain, and setting for a story; and they practiced taking parts of books and stories that they hate and seeing if they could make it work in their own writing.

### **Ms. Morgan and Ms. Riley**

Our oldest campers kicked off the week by reflecting on themselves while creating 6-word memoirs. We reviewed the ins & outs of the plot diagram and learned how to use it as not only a brainstorming tool, but as a great way to help us build our spooky campfire stories we told in the woods on Wednesday. Campers explored the Japanese Gardens on campus where we discussed artifacts or objects that are important to us culturally or personally. We circled back to memoirs during the last half of the week where we got to read some silly memoir examples; then created memoirs for some of our favorite book, movie, and TV show characters.



Campers wrapped up our "Around the World" week by creating their very own postcards from their dream destinations and writing a short blurb about their travels to send back home to their loved ones!