Cultural Identity “Quilt” Assignment

My project is due on: __June 4th______________________________
My presentation is on: _________________________________

We all have a culture and heritage that is part of who we are. For many of us, this culture is a reflection of the countries, religions, and ethnicities of our families. However, our culture may also include unique family traditions, ideas, and beliefs.

For the last term of social studies this year we will be exploring our own personal culture in order to see how many diverse cultures make up Canada, Nova Scotia, and our community. Your Cultural Identity “Quilt” will have four panels with one of the following aspects of your own culture in each panel.

1. Where you came from
2. A family tradition
3. How you got your name or what your name means
4. What cultural/religious/ethnic/social groups are you part of?

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Choose symbols, words, colours, or objects to represent your culture on each of the four panels of your quilt. We will do the planning during the first class, and then you will take the assignment home to discuss with your family and gather materials (poster board, paint, flags, stickers, photos, maps, duct tape, glitter, material/cloth etc)
You will be given TWO periods of social studies to work on this assignment in class (May 14 and 21) so bring your materials/research for those days! Any remaining work that needs to be done on your quilt will be send home on May 22 to be completed there. The final quilt is due on June 4th. When your quilt is finished you will be asked to either present it to the class to explain what is represented on it, OR write one full page about it instead of presenting.

Your assignment will be assessed using this rubric:

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<td><strong>Elements</strong></td>
<td>Did not include all elements in each panel of the quilt</td>
<td>Included some elements in each panel of the quilt</td>
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<td><strong>Creativity</strong></td>
<td>Little creative energy used during this project, was bland and lacked ‘zip’</td>
<td>Added a few original touches to enhance the projects but did not incorporate it throughout.</td>
<td>Was creative at times, thoughtfully and uniquely presented</td>
<td>Was extremely creative and original; used a unique approach that truly enhanced the project</td>
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<td>The project was completed with minimum effort</td>
<td>The project was completed with satisfactory effort</td>
<td>The project was completed with good effort</td>
<td>The project was completed with lots of effort and pride in the quality of work.</td>
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Final Grade: _______/12
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Talk with your families/relatives at home to answer the following questions for each panel of your quilt.

Panel 1: Where you came from
What countries are you, your family, and your ancestors from? Can you find out for both the maternal and paternal sides of your family?

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What are some symbols/pictures/words you could use to represent the countries?

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Panel 2: A family tradition
What are some traditions your family has? They could be things that take place during the summer, holidays, meals, Saturday nights etc.

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Choose one for panel 2: ____________________________________

What are some symbols/pictures/words you could use to represent the tradition?

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Panel 3: How you got your name or what your name means
The meaning of your first name: _____________________________
The meaning of your last name: _____________________________
How did you get your name? _______________________________

What are some symbols/pictures/words you could use to represent your name?
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Panel 4: The cultural/religious/ethnic/social groups are you part of.
Do you go to church, temple, Guides, Scouts, or belong to any sports teams? Are you African-Canadian, Middle Eastern, Asian, First Nations, Columbian, South African, Swedish? Do you participate in any popular culture ideas? What music, TV, movies, or fads do you like?
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What are some symbols/pictures/words you could use to represent the groups?
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