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History 5 Spice Project

Project Timeline

Mon	Aug 19	Class: Introduce Spice Project
Tues	Aug 20	Satellite Day: Complete Part 1
Wed	Aug 21	Class: Compare Price Research & Select Spice for Research
Mon	Aug 26	Class: Spice Research
Tues	Aug 27	Satellite Day: Start Part 2
Wed	Aug 28	Class: Spice Research
Thurs	Aug 29	Satellite Day: Finish Part 2
Wed	Sept 4	Class Day: Spice Project Due

Part 1 Spice Assignment

Go to the store with an adult and find the prices of each of the following spices. You may price any brand. Tell the amount of spice in the container (e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz), the price of the container, and then figure the amount per pound (you may use a calculator and your parents).

If it is $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., multiply by 32

If it is $\frac{1}{4}$ oz., multiply by 64

If it is 3 oz., multiply by 5.3 _____

If it is 5 oz., multiply by 3.2 _____

If it is 7 oz., multiply by 2.3 _____

If it is 9 oz., multiply by 1.8 _____

If it is 11 oz., multiply by 1.4 _____

If it is 13 oz., multiply by 1.2 _____

If it is 15 oz., multiply by 1.06 _____

If it is 1 oz., multiply by _____

If it is 2 oz., multiply by _____

If it is 4 oz., multiply by _____

If it is 6 oz., multiply by 2.6 _____

If it is 8 oz., multiply by _____

If it is 10 oz., multiply by 1.5 _____

If it is 12 oz., multiply by 1.3 _____

If it is 14 oz., multiply by 1.1 _____

You fill in the rest!

(For an amount over 1 oz., you may round to nearest oz., for example:

If it is 2.1 oz., you may round to 2 oz, 1.9 round to 2 oz, 1.4 to 1oz.)

Note: give the actual amount and cost of what you find in the grocery store, but when you go to figure the cost per pound, you may round to the nearest ounce or half ounce.

SPICE	Amount	Cost	Cost/pound
Cinnamon bark	_____	_____	_____
Cardamom seeds	_____	_____	_____
Cloves, whole	_____	_____	_____
Turmeric, ground	_____	_____	_____
Pepper, whole	_____	_____	_____
Saffron	_____	_____	_____
Ginger, ground	_____	_____	_____

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Part 2 Spice Assignment You have a choice... Either

Choice 1:

Write a one paragraph (at least 8 sentences) about one of the spices that you think would be a good one to buy and resell.

Be sure to include:

- a topic sentence telling what spice you would buy and what it looks like – use some good dress-ups (descriptive adjectives)
- where (countries) and how it is grown, how and when it is harvested and processed (by hand, by machine? year round or just at a certain time?)
- what part of the plant it is (root, bark, seed, flower, etc.),
- at least 2 other **interesting** facts about it (is it used for anything else like medicine?)
- end with why you would like to trade this one, e.g., cinnamon smells so good it would make the ships smell good on the long voyage home ☺. This can be your concluding sentence, e.g., “Cinnamon, a popular spice that many people would buy, would also make the hold of our ship smell good; therefore, I would buy cinnamon.”
- **Include a picture of the plant or spice to turn in with your paper.**

This is a rough draft paragraph – printed or in cursive, lines skipped – but be careful to organize your sentences in logical order, spelling and punctuation correct, etc. You may edit this copy neatly. If you have misspelled a word, just cross it out neatly with one line and write the correct spelling above it.

Choice 2:

Create a colored pamphlet advertising the spices that you think would be a good one to buy and resell.

1. Use a sheet of copy paper folded in thirds.
2. Cover all 6 sections illustrating the information below using pictures, maps, chart, and words.
 - a. what spice you would buy and what it looks like
 - b. where it is grown (countries)
 - c. how it is grown, how and when it is harvested and processed (by hand, by machine? year round or just at a certain time?)
 - d. what part of the plant it is (root, bark, seed, flower, etc.),
 - e. at least 2 other **interesting** facts about it (example: is it used for anything else like medicine?)
 - f. last section: end with why you would like to trade this one

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Grading Rubric

Spice Price Research (1 pt each)

- _____ Cinnamon bark
- _____ Cardamom seeds
- _____ Cumin seeds
- _____ Cloves, whole
- _____ Turmeric, ground
- _____ Pepper, whole
- _____ Saffron
- _____ Ginger, ground

Pamphlet/Essay (3 pts each)

- _____ What spice you would buy and a picture (include descriptive adjectives)
- _____ Where and how it is grown
- _____ How it is harvested -- be detailed
- _____ What part of the plant it is (root, seed, flower, etc.)
- _____ 1 interesting fact
- _____ 1 interesting fact
- _____ Reason why you would like to trade this spice

_____ **Total (29 points)**