

# *Global Classroom*

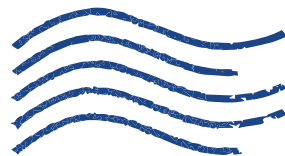
An International Video Pen Pal Project

**Teacher:**  
**School:**



# PenPals!

a person with whom one becomes friendly by exchanging letters, especially someone in a foreign country whom one has never met.





“The world is a book and  
those who do not travel read  
only one page.””

*-Saint Augustine*



Sophie Gerson's real life experience inspires this program. As a girl growing up in the Bronx during very financially difficult times during the Great Depression, her public school french teacher set her up with a pen pal in Corbeil, France. They carried on a correspondence - using real pen and paper - for a couple of years. From the way Sophie spoke about this experience you could tell the two had become true friends even though they never met, and found their correspondence quite meaningful. Their last exchange took place shortly before the German invasion of France during World War 2. After the war, Sophie tried to get back in touch with her friend, but never could. Sophie never could find out what happened to her friend during the war. Global Classroom aims to promote equally meaningful international friendships with happier outcomes.



# *Ditch the pencil*

Updating the classic pen pal idea with today's internet and video tools, teachers and students will utilize Flipgrid to connect, share about themselves, and spark conversations about the world around them.

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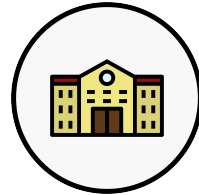
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*Where will we  
travel to?*



*Insert Country*



*Insert School Name*



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# *Our job*

Students will produce introduction videos and short documentaries on a shared subject.



# Introduction

This program brings together middle school students (ages 11-13) from around the world. Participants create and exchange videos about a specific topic. They begin by introducing themselves, their schools, and sharing a few personal details, such as their favorite food, subject, hobby, or sport.

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Each introductory video typically lasts 6 minutes or less, with six or so students taking turns with their introductions. It's an internet, video technology, updated pen-pal exchange, with translation as needed. After their presentations, we encourage students to conclude their videos by asking questions of their overseas peers - eg what activities or sports do you like? - so as to foster dialogue.

## *Examples*



*Adventures are the  
best way to learn*






*Students in the  
Bronx, India and  
Israel are now  
friends!*



# *How Flipgrid Works*



# Speaking Tips

-  1 Start with a saying hello
-  2 Talk about your yourself, and how you are doing
-  3 Ask Your Pen Pal Friend Questions
-  4 Say Goodbye
-  5 The letter should be at least 5 to 10 sentences.

# Awesome Example



1 Dear Pen Pal Friend,

My name is Aurora, and I live in Morocco. I am currently 13 years old. I am in middle school, and I am excited to talk to you.

2 My hobbies include playing violin and piano. I enjoy video games as well. What about you? My interests include playing the violin. I also want to learn to develop. I have two brothers. I have dogs well. My brothers are huge Marvel Comic fans, so they named the dogs. The male is Loki and the female is Sigyn. I like to eat at my favorite restaurant Barometre Marrakech. We have family in France, and on holidays we go visit them. They live in Angers, have you heard of it?



3 I want to know more about you. I just had my birthday on January 16th. I had a lot of fun! My friends brought me cupcakes.

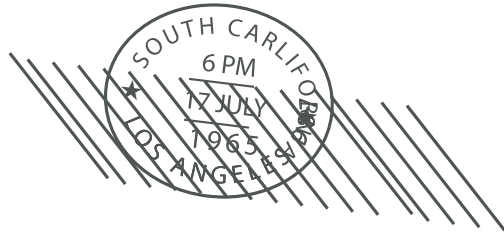
Have you ever had a cupcake? What are you learning about in school? Are you reading any good books right now? What do you like to do for fun?

4 Talk soon,  
Aurora



*Thank You For  
Being Part of The  
Global Classroom  
Family*

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## Questions...

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