

Below is a project assignment from a Pirkei Avot 6th grade Day School unit:

My Page of Talmud

As we learned, the Talmud is the Oral Torah, which is made up of the Mishnah and the Gemara. Inside, it holds years of conversations between the Rabbis from the end of the Second Temple period through the 6th century. However, the Oral Torah does not stop there, as we continue the discussion by learning Torah today. Therefore, we are going to continue our ancient tradition and add our voices. Each student will choose a Mishnah and develop a conversation by collecting commentary and opinions from several "sages." The final product will be put on a large poster board with the Mishnah in the middle and the conversation spiraling around it.

Directions:

1. Choose a Mishna from Pirkei Avot that we have learned as a class. This will go in the center of the poster board, including the Mishna in Hebrew, and in English in YOUR OWN WORDS.

2. Collect commentary from:

- 2 sixth grade students
- 2 students (not in sixth grade)
- 2 teacher
- 2 adults who are not your teacher

Your commentators can feel free to respond to other comments as well, as it can be a dialogue.

3. In addition to that, you must come up with your own alternative display of your personal commentary. It can be in the form of a poem, artwork, or creation from an online source (Wordle.com, Pizap.com, Tagxedo.com, etc.) but it must be printed and put on the poster board. Get creative!

Commentary is:

Explanations, interpretations, opinions, and/or questions about the text.

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