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Travel Study Plan
Fulbright- Hays Study Abroad Program
Thailand-Vietnam -2004

Objective 1: The primary objective is to travel to Thailand and Vietnam to gather cultural information through firsthand observations and personal contacts arranged through the United States Fulbright-Hays Program. June 26, 2004-July 25, 2004

Objective 2: I will organize and prepare a Powerpoint presentation using digital photographs gained through travel in Thailand and Vietnam. The topics I will cover in my presentation include: family life, customs, education, architecture, transportation, religion, government, industry, economics, agriculture, flora and fauna, conservation, and the arts in both Thailand and Vietnam.

Objective 3: I will supplement this study with information researched from the books listed in the bibliography section. I will prepare written text and oral discussion notes to supplement my Powerpoint presentation.

Objective 4: I will learn how to use the 'Smart Board' to enhance my presentations.

Objective 5: I will conduct five Powerpoint presentations using the Smart Board. The first presentation will be to Fairview Elementary and O'Hara Elementary Staff in Fox Chapel School District during an inservice day in August 2004; secondly, to my Gifted resource classes grades 3, 4, and 5 in September; and lastly, to the American Association of University Women in late September. A CD disk of the Powerpoint presentation will be submitted to you. I plan to offer other speaking engagements throughout the year.

Objective 6: My 5th grade Gifted students will view my powerpoint show and read excerpts from my journal.

Objective 7: They will read Thai and Vietnamese folktales and participate in cultural hand-on activities such as papermaking, Thai & Vietnamese cooking, shadow puppet building, and silk dying.

Objective 8: The students will compare and contrast cultural similarities and differences between American, Thai, and Vietnamese cultures using Venn diagrams.

Objective 9: My students will participate in a photo and art exchange with a teacher contact in Thailand.

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