

It's the End of the World (As We Know It) PROJECT

When we looked at the final themes (Mysteries, Science and Technology & the Universe) we saw a connection between many of the questions. As Carlos and Grace pointed out, there was an emphasis on "beginnings and endings" and "the end of the world." Even in our Future and World Problems questions we saw this popping up.

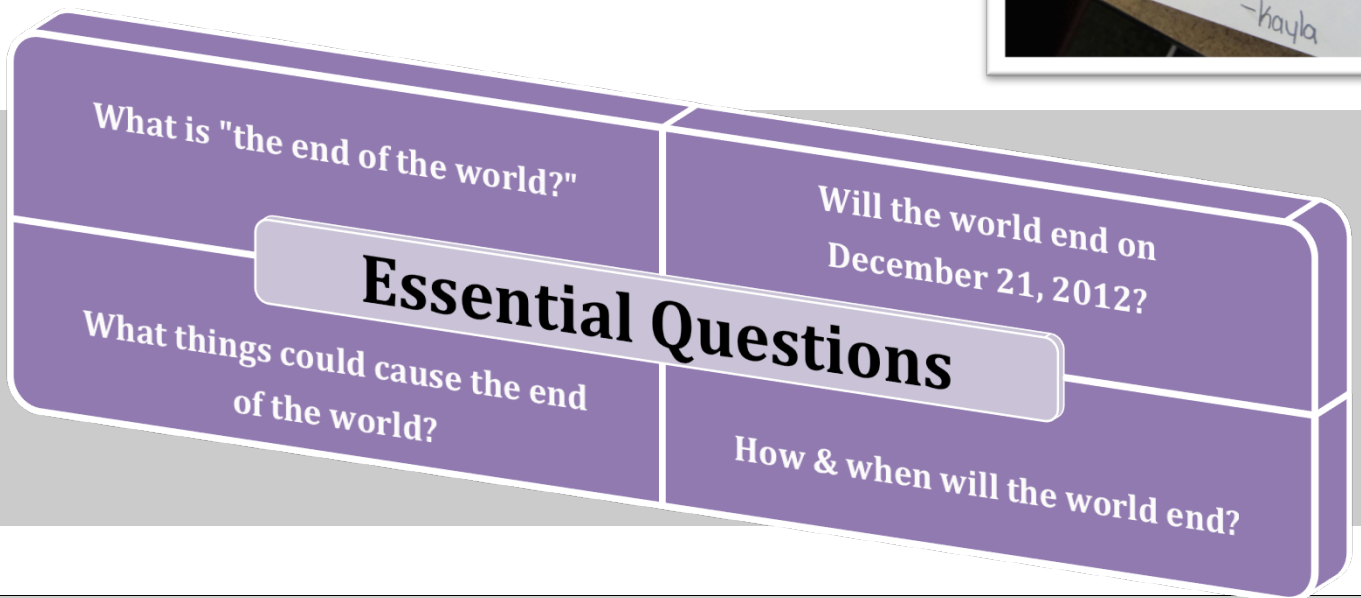
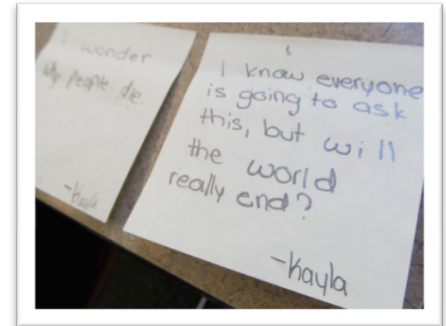
Did you know that an advanced, ancient, culture predicted that the world would end on December 21, 2012? That's a little over two months away and the perfect reason for our class to do a project about the possibility of the world ending.



Our class will prove whether the world is ending on December 21 in an exhibition that will share their scientific findings and beautiful work



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Possible Topics for Students

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| Ice Age | Meteor Collision | Polar Ice Caps Melting | Sun Explosion |
| Water Shortage and Pollution | Air Pollution | Black Hole | Ozone Depletion |
| Deforestation | War | Disease | Loss of Oil |
| Population Growth | Top Soil Erosion | Natural Disasters | Artificial Intelligence |

The Steps of the Project

Step 1:

- Students will research and explain their phenomena.

Step 2:

- Students will plan a field trip or guest speaker for their topic.

Step 3:

- Students will discuss the threat their phenomena poses to the world.

Step 4:

- Students will make a prediction (based on data) about how their phenomena will affect the world in the future.

Step 5:

- Students will answer the question: "Could this phenomena end the world as we know it?"

Step 6:

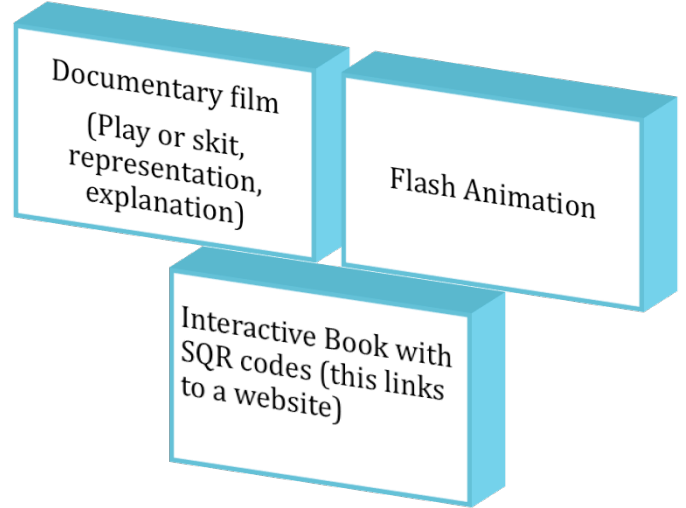
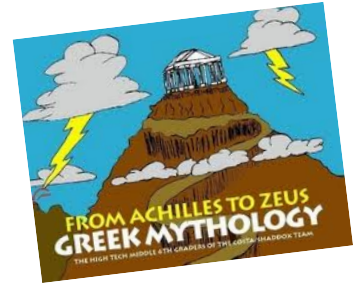
- Students will propose a solution.

Step 7:

- Students will create a product that shows their learning. We'll present it at an exhibition.

POSSIBLE PRODUCTS

What do students make during this project?



Exhibition

On Thursday, December 20, 2012 (the day before the proposed "end of the world") students will host an exhibition of their work. This could take place in our classroom and the 6th grade commons or even some place outside of school. We'll invite friends, family, students, teachers and people from the community to attend our event. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase our project (book or film?).

