**Eating Culture: The Potluck Assignment**

**Goal:** You will be creating or purchasing a dish native to Latin America and presenting it to the class for consumption. You will be expected to **(1)** research the cuisine, and **(2)** provide a one page synopsis of your findings. You will also be required to **(3)** create an index card listing all the ingredients in your dish. ***No ingredients = No credit!*** Finally, you will present your dish to class.

**The Process**

Step 1: Sign up on the google doc- You must include your name, your food & the nation it’s from. We are going to limit the number of students choosing a nation so sign up early.

Step 2: Research a nation in Latin America and explore their cuisine. Create or purchase a dish from their cuisine. Have fun with this! I am not grading on the quality of food but rather your presentation and your knowledge of the culture.

Step 3: Write about your dish/food. You should include the following in your write up:

1. Name of dish/food and country of origin. Please learn the correct way to pronounce it.
2. Explain when/where/why/how the dish is served. Is it served at lunch, only dinner, special occasions, etc. Is is always served with pork, tomatoes, etc?
3. Discuss what the ingredients are and what makes them unique to the culture.
4. What is the significance of the dish? Why/How does the food represent the culture of the nation? Be clear.
5. Why did you select this dish/food?
6. What did you learn from completing this project?

Step 4: Present your dish to class (3-5 minutes). I would encourage you to practice the presentation. Students who don’t plan and practice usually fall short of the time requirement. You are welcome to use note cards during your presentation.

***While it is understood that recipes need to be cooked, please have your final dish presentation prepared prior to class and ready to be served.***