

Make Name Books with your class; each student discovers how they got their name and shares its origin and meaning with the class - a great way to get to know each other at any age!

Instructions:

- 1.decorate the cover of the book with your name written in an interesting style that reflects on you.
- 2.inside, give how to pronounce your full name and the meaning of your first and last names - many websites will tell you this if you do not already know, one I use for my students' first name is <http://www.name-meanings.com/search.php> this site offers name meanings for many language/culture groups. For last names you can try <http://www.last-names.net/> or <http://surnames.behindthename.com/> or <http://surnames.behindthename.com/origin.php> which offers a wider variety of cultures
- 3.next tell who gave you your name. What is the story behind its selection? (you may need to talk to family to find this out!)
- 4.next share the original language of your name and where is it spoken.
- 5.next find out and share how you say "My Name is..." in the language of your name - this website may help: <http://www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/myname.htm>
- 6.finish with a symbol/picture that relates to this language/your family heritage
- 7.Share your books as a class.