

Commandaria – Structure/content of a blended exhibition

STEP 1: Plan the theme, set the goals

Main theme of the exhibition:	Commandaria – "The Wine of Kings" and "the King of Wines",	
	is a cultural and traditional drink in Cyprus, originating from	
	the Medieval Ages. This exhibition focuses on winemaking	
	and its rich traditional history in the region of Cyprus and	
	beyond	
Educational goals of the	Commandaria is a staple product of Cypriot culture and	
exhibition:	history, contributing to a large aspect of its cultural heritage. It	
	is an alcoholic drink with heave cultural, historic, religious, and	
	social significance and can be found in every Cypriot	
	household.	
	This exhibition aims to:	
	Explore the history of Commandaria wine through visual	
	representation.	
	➤ Enhance students' visual expression through activities of	
	creation.	
	Enrich students' vocabulary about winemaking and the	
	Medieval Ages.	
	Make students collaborate through the creation of exhibits,	
	whilst enhancing their teamwork and communication skills.	
	Showcase students' talents and strengthen their self-	
	confidence.	
	 Encourage them to discover Cypriot history 	





STEP 2: Develop sub-themes

Sub-sections	Sub-themes
Winemaking – Commandaria	Explore the winemaking regions
Making	The production Process Book
	2. 3. The material used
3. Medieval Ages	A historical timeline
	2. The "Battle of the Wines" storytelling
4. Tradition	Commandaria as an art medium
	Branding & marketing traditional wine
	3. Exploring the Commandaria-making tradition

STEP 3: Create an object list

	Name of the object	Type	Sub-section	Creation
	Name of the object	Туре	Sub-section	Creation
1.	Mapping Commandaria Villages	Tangible or	Winemaking	YES
	Exhibit 1 Resource: Cyprus map (or	digital		
	something similar)			
	Printed out labels			
	Scissors & glue sticks			
	Digital device (optional)			
2.	Process Book Station	Digital	Winemaking	YES
	Search device (electronic)			
3.	Mixed Up! – Make your own "wine"	Tangible	Winemaking	YES
	Variety of season fruits & juices			
	Kitchen tools (measuring cups, spoons,			
	peeler, etc.)			
	 Food smashing objects (e.g., food 			
	smasher, blender, juice squeezer, etc.)			
	Aprons			
	A3 paper			
	Table/small station			
4.	Becoming "Wine" Connoisseurs	Intangible/Ta	Winemaking	YES
	Exhibit 4 Resource: Wine Expert Rating	ngible		
	Activity (or something similar)			
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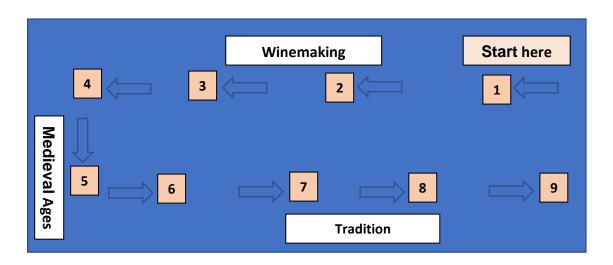
	Pens/markers			
	4 different types of juices			
	Glasses cups			
	Table/small station			
5.	A Historical Timeline	Tangible or	Medieval Ages	YES
	Exhibit 5 Resource: Commandaria	Digital		
	History Timeline (or something similar)			
	Pens/markers or electronic device			
	Exhibit 5 Resource: Timeline text on			
	Commandaria			
6.	Battle of the Wines – Tell your own story	Intangible	Medieval Ages	YES
	Exhibit 6 Resource: Storytelling			
	guidelines (or something similar)			
	Commandaria wine bottle			
	Other wine bottles (preferably from			
	different countries)			
	Chair (for the King)			
	POEME "Commandaria" e-book and/or			
	worksheet			
	Recording camera (optional)			
	Projector (optional)			
	Medieval Ages related props (optional)			
	Medieval Ages costumes (optional)			
7.	Paint your Way	Tangible	Tradition	YES
	Commandaria Wine			
	 Paint brushes/painting tools 			
	Aprons			
	 Pins and/or Blu tac (for display) 			
	A3 watercolor paper			
	Grape leaves & branches (optional)			
	Table/small station			
8.	DIWine – Do-it-yourself-Wine	Tangible/Digit	Tradition	YES
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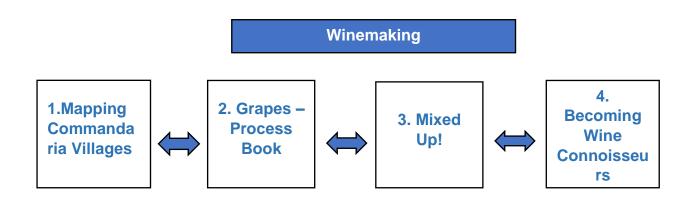




	Exhibit 8 Resource: USP Brainstorming			
	(or something similar)			
	Adhesive/non-adhesive Labels			
	Recycled Commandaria/Wine Bottles			
	Paper			
	Pens/pencils/markers			
	Electronic device (optional)			
	Table/small station			
9.	Commandaria – A short film	Digital	Tradition	NO
	Exhibit 9 Resource: Commandaria Short			
	film (or something similar)			
	Speakers & Screen (laptop/projector)			

STEP 4: Design your exhibition









6. Battle of 5. A Historical the Wines -**Timeline** Tell your own story **Tradition** 8. DIWine -7. Paint your Do-it-9. yourself-Commandaria way Wine - A short film

Medieval Ages

Object Grouping, Arranging and Display

Sub-sections	Object arrangement	Object display
Winemaking	1. An explanatory map	Cyprus map printed out in large scale
	of Cyprus winemaking	(zoomed) and placed on the floor with cut out
	regions	labels to be glued on. If activity will be held
		digitally use a computer/tablet screen per
		student group (separate stations per group).
	2. Grapes - Process	Digital display on a screen (laptop/PC/tablet)
	Book	placed on a table. Each group of students
		should have their own station with electronic
		device placed on a table/booth.
	3. Activity to create their	Table with materials to be used for creation.
	"wine" from fruits	Students should have their own space to
		create their wine and all necessary tools. Table
		to display all creations in the end. The exhibit
		label will be placed on the wall on top of the
		table





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	4. Activity: Becoming	Based on their judgment and knowledge rate,
	"Wine"	children are given a rating list to taste different
	Connoisseurs	flavors of juices. Rating can be done digitally
		using an electronic device or physically with
		printed out copy of rating activity
Medieval	5. History of	If physically, the timeline will be printed out in
Ages	Commandaria	large scale and placed on the floor for students
	Timeline	to place/write the events in chronological
		order. Make as many copies as relevant
		according to your groups. If digitally, students
		will use electronic device to complete the
		timeline on Canva.
	6. Battle of the Wines	Theatrical performance – students will take the
	Performance	roles of characters from the Medieval ages and
		engage in dialogue through an imaginary story
		about Commandaria. Room can be set up
		using Medieval Ages props to help students
		get in context
Tradition	7. Paint your way	Space for paintings to be conducted
		(table/booth/floor space). Table or blank wall to
		display all creations in the end. Under each
		painting will be a short description and a label
		with the art piece's title
	8. DIWine – Do-it-	Up-cycled bottles displayed as business ideas
	yourself-Wine	for new brands of Commandaria wines on a
		structure (table/box) no higher than 1.00
		meter, in a row and with small labels below
		each one to indicate information about each
		bottle.
	9. Commandaria Short	Projection on a small wall or use of personal
	Film	electronic device (TV/laptop/PC/tablet). Exhibit
		label placed next to the screening object.



STEP 5: Develop texts

Panels

Real-life text size should be 72pt and Title size should be min. 150pt

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Commandaria – The Wine of the Kings

Commandaria is one of the oldest wines in the world and originates from the island of Cyprus. It has medieval roots, and it is a traditional dessert wine with rich flavor.

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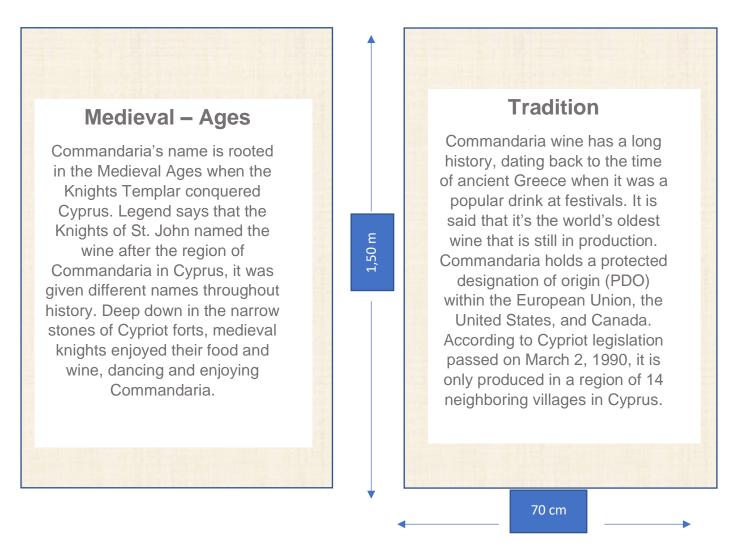
Winemaking of Commandaria

Also known as vinification is the production of wine, starting with the selection of the fruit, its fermentation into alcohol. and the bottling of the finished liquid. Explore the five essential stages of the winemaking process. Commandaria is made exclusively from two indigenous Cyprus grapes: Xynisteri and Mavro. The grapes are left to overripe on the vine, and they are harvested when sugar content reaches acceptable levels.

70 cm







Object labels

Object labels should have a title size 36pt and a small text description of 20pt

Exhibit 1 Label (taped on the wall above the life-size Cyprus map)

Mapping Commandaria Villages

There is a region in Cyprus called the Commandaria villages region, wherein, as the name suggests, Commandaria is produced. Found on the southern slopes of the Troodos Mountains, north of Limassol, the region comprises of 14 designated villages. Some of these include Lania, Trimiklini, Zoodoxos Pigi, Doros, Silikou and Monagri.

Exhibit 2 (taped on the wall)

Process Book Station

How does one create Commandaria? How would you outline the winemaking process? What types of grapes are used? Use your devices and start searching!

Use Book Creator software to create a short digital process book and present your findings!





Exhibit 3 (taped on the wall near the winemaking station)

Mixed Up!

There is a certain "magic" to the art of creating something rather than just experiencing it. This messy play activity involves an interactive way of "making wine". Use the materials on the table and use your knowledge from Exhibit 2 to create your own wine. Roll up your sleeves, put on your aprons, and get creative!

Exhibit 4 (taped on the wall near the tasting station)

Becoming Wine Connoisseurs

One thing you may not know, is that the art of winemaking creates many jobs in the labor market. One of these includes people who are called "wine tasters" and "wine connoisseurs". While the process of creation is critical, it's always important to taste it, assess its quality and evaluate it based on different criteria that will place it into different categories. Some of these criteria include its look (color, opacity[dark/light], texture[thick/watery], smell, and taste. Using these criteria, connoisseurs can identify how "strong" the drink is, how aged it is and how sweet it may be, among many others.

Exhibit 5 (taped on the wall near the life-size timeline)

A Historical Timeline

Behind every great invention there comes a long history related to its origins story and how it became successful. There are at least 4 very important events related to the making of and origin of one of the most famous dessert wines in the world. Read the text provided, use your intuition, and place those events on the timeline to map out Commandaria's history.

Exhibit 6 (on role-play station, next to props and guidelines)

Battle of the Wines - Tell your own story

What would it feel like to live in the Medieval Ages? In this part of the exhibition, you are called to engage in a re-enactment of events. Place yourselves in the shoes of the King Phillip II of France, or a common priest ready to promote his wine. What would characters of this era say? How would they act? What would they wear? Let your imagination run wild!





Exhibit 7 (taped on the wall above the drawing station)

Paint your way

Apart from its historical, social, and religious attributes, Commandaria can be used as a creative medium for expression. Using all you have learned about this sweet dessert wine, use it to draw a related representative or non-representative drawing. What does this mean to you? Give your creation a catchy title and start drawing!

Exhibit 8 (taped on the wall above the branding station)

DIWine - Do-It yourself-Wine

It is one thing to create an exceptional-quality product, but it takes a great marketeer to make it successful. It may come as a surprise, but most people buy wine based on the label on its bottle. Sometimes all it takes is a great design or an attractive package, but sometimes it's all about the story behind it. What makes a product unique? Do it yourself and define your product's Unique Selling Point. Let the best design win!

Exhibit 9 (taped on the wall next to the screen/projector)

Commandaria - A short film

Step inside the world of Commandaria making. What does the process of creation look like? What does it sound like? Place yourselves in context and use your senses to enjoy the whole experience.

The typical steps of Commandaria-making are as follows:

- 1.Harvest
- 2. Drying
- 3. Crashing
- 4. Fermentation
- 5.Aging
- 6.Serving
- 7. Enjoying

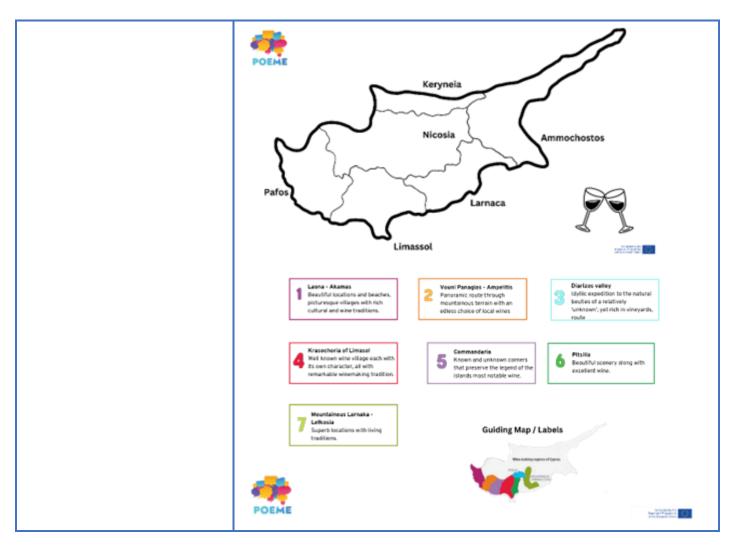




STEP 6: Construct your exhibition & exhibits

Sub-section:	Winemaking	
Exhibit number:	1	
Name of the exhibit:	Mapping Commandaria Villages	
Type of exhibit:	Tangible or digital	
Recommended	30 minutes	
preparation time:		
Required students:	Groups of 2-4 students	
Brief description:	An explanatory map of Commandaria and other vineyards of	
	Cyprus. The map presents the location of vineyards in Cyprus	
	where Commandaria wine is mainly produced and are considered	
	as Commandaria-verified regions.	
Materials and/or tools	Exhibit 1 Resource: Explanatory Map (printed out or digital)	
needed:	Descriptive labels (printed or digital)	
	3. Digital device (optional)	
	4. Collage materials (glue, paper, blu tac)	
	5. Space to lay out map or table & plug for electronic device	
Dimensions of the exhibit:	The physical dimensions of the map and the labels are	
	proportional according to the size of the map given. For example,	
	if the map is 150 x 100 cm, the labels will be 10 x 5 cm. The digital	
	map is the same.	
Step by step construction	Step 1: Prepare the materials needed according to the number of	
instructions:	students. It is suggested to give 1 map to a group of max 4	
	students. Provide students with collage materials and prepare	
	labels in advance (print or digital).	
	Step 2: Pass the maps and show them the basic features of the	
	map.	
	Step 3: Let them explore the map for 2-3 minutes.	
	Step 4: Students start collaging the labels in the right place.	
	PS. The map can be enlarged as much as needed, and presented	
	both digitally and/or in printed format	





Sub-section:	Winemaking
Exhibit number:	2
Name of the exhibit:	Process Book Station
Type of exhibit:	Digital
Recommended preparation time:	30 minutes
Required students:	Groups of 2-4 students
Brief description:	It is a book that will outline the winemaking process. It will outline
	the two types of indigenous Cyprus grapes and at least five of the
	main stages of Commandaria production.
Materials and/or tools	Students will use a digital device (phone/tablet/laptop) to research
needed:	the main steps and find the best images for every step. Create a
	digital album of images using book creation software.





	Recommendation: <u>Book Creator</u> or <u>Canva</u> . Students can also use
	the POEME Commandaria e-book and/or worksheet
Dimensions of the exhibit:	Digital format – can be viewed digitally or downloaded as an e-
	pub file. They can use any medium they already engage with.
Step by step construction	Step 1: Start the research process
instructions:	Step 2: Collection of photographs of the process (reference
	images)
	Step 3: Use Book Creator or Canva to create a Process Book
	with audiovisual material
	Step 4: At the end, students will give feedback and comment on
	their albums

Sub-section:	Winemaking	
Exhibit number:	3	
Name of the exhibit:	Mixed Up!	
Type of exhibit:	Tangible	
Recommended	30-40 minutes	
preparation time:		
Required students:	Individual activity, students can come together as a group in the	
	end	
Brief description:	This is a messy play activity where students can engage in the	
	process they explore in the previous exhibit. They will be given	
	fruits and juices to crush using their hands and tools to make their	
	own "wines". The activity is meant to be experiential and help	
	them better engage with the process of mixing materials and	
	creating something from scratch.	
Materials and/or tools	Variety of seasonal fruits & juices	
needed:	2. Kitchen tools (measuring cup, spoons, peeler, etc.)	
	3. Food smashing objects (e.g., food smasher, blender, juice	
	squeezer etc.)	
	4. Aprons	
	5. A3 paper	
	6. Table	
Dimensions of the exhibit:	Messy play – Experiential activity	





Step by step construction	Step 1: Each student will select 2-3 fruits and one juice flavor.	
instructions:	Step 2: Students will try to engage in the creation process by	
	mixing the fruits and juices together, picking their own analogies	
	to create "wine" from scratch. Students will need to keep a record	
	or "recipe" during their process.	
	Step 3: Students will present their product; explain how they	
	made it and can try out each other's creations to compare.	
	Step 4: Using the A3 paper, students will collectively create a	
	wine-book, with a collection of all their recipes.	

Sub-section:	Winemaking		
Exhibit number:	4		
Name of the exhibit:	Becoming "Wine" Connoisseurs		
Type of exhibit:	Tangible and/or Digital		
Recommended	15-20 minutes		
preparation time:			
Required students:	Individual activity (groups of 1)		
Brief description:	The rating activity will be an introduction to wine experts and wine		
	tasters. Students will become familiar with these processes by		
	practicing their tasting skills. Juices will be used instead of natural		
	wine for this activity, and the process will be the same. Students		
	will rate the "wine" according to its look, smell, and taste and then		
	add an overall conclusion/rating.		
Materials and/or tools	Exhibit 4 Resource: Wine Expert Rating Activity (or		
needed:	something similar)		
	2. Pens/markers		
	3. 4 types of juices		
	4. Glasses/cups		
	5. Table		
Dimensions of the exhibit:	The activity does not have a dimension/form/format. The rating		
	activity can be executed digitally using electronic devices or		
	physically by printing out A4 copies of the rating activity table.		
	Tasting can only be done physically.		





Step by step construction	Step 1: Introduction to Wine experts and the variety of jobs in the					
instructions:	wine factory					
	Step 2: Explanation of the tasting and rating handout.					
	Step 3: Tasting begins. Students will be asked to express their					
	opinion regularly during this activity. They will note down their					
	observations individually or in small groups					
	*Handout resource in pdf format (physical or digital).					
	Becoming 'Wine' Experts / Tasters Look: Color, Opacity, Viscosity Smell: Fruit Aromas, Herb Aromas, Earth Aroma, Other Smells, Intensity Conclude: Taste: Flavors (fruit, others), Structure (Sweetness, acidity) POEME					
			Look Color, dark/light, texture (thick/watery)	Smell What does it smell like?	Taste What does it taste like?	Conclude / Rate
		Juice #1				
		Juice #2				
		Juice #3				
		Juice #4				

Sub-section:	Medieval Ages
Exhibit number:	5
Name of the exhibit:	A Historical Timeline
Type of exhibit:	Tangible and/or Digital
Recommended preparation time:	15 minutes
Required students:	5-6 students per group
Brief description:	This activity aims to explore the medieval Ages and the history of Commandaria. Students are asked to read a text on Commandaria, note down the most important events related to its history and then place them chronologically on the timeline provided.
Materials and/or tools needed:	 Exhibit 5 Resource: Timeline Text (or something similar) Exhibit 5 Resource: Commandaria History timeline (printed pdf or digital) (or something similar) Pens & Papers or electronic device





	4. POEME Commandaria E-worksheet and/or E-book
	(optional)
Dimensions of the exhibit:	Life-size historical timeline (accordingly to the available floor/wall
	space)
Step by step construction	Step 1: Share the written text on Commandaria's history with
instructions:	students
	Step 2: Students read the text and highlight the most important
	events throughout its history
	Step 3: Students use the timeline to place the events
	chronologically.
	Step 4: Hold an open discussion in the case where students have
	very different answers and ask to explain their choices.
	*Resource given in pdf format (physically or digitally)
	Medieval - Ages Commandaria Timeline
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Sub-section:	Medieval Ages
Exhibit	6
number:	
Name of the	Battle of the Wines – Tell your own story
exhibit:	
Type of exhibit:	Intangible and/or digital
Recommended	30-45 minutes
preparation	
time:	
Required	2-4 students per group
students:	





Brief Students are asked to take the roles of characters during the Medieval Ages description: and create dialogues in an imaginative story to re-enact the Battle of the Wines competition organized by King Philip II. Students are expected to improvise in an acting activity and try to use the vocabulary learned so far from previous activities. **Materials** 1. Exhibit 6 Resource: Storytelling guidelines (or something similar) and/or tools Commandaria wine bottle needed: Other wine bottles (preferably from different countries) 4. Chair (for King) 5. Medieval Ages related props (optional) 6. Medieval Ages costumes (optional) 7. Camera for recording/projector (optional) **Dimensions of** Role Play Activity – acting performance. The activity can be performed once the exhibit: physically and then recorded to be displayed digitally (using a projector/screen) in a loop for the remaining duration of the exhibition. Step by step Step 1: Read the Exhibit 6 Resource and divide the roles to students (or construction something similar) instructions: Step 2: Students brainstorm and create a fictional dialogue with their characters related to the period and the Battle of the Wines **Step 3:** Students perform their work to everyone **Step 4 (Optional):** Students can record their performance once and then display it using a projector in a continuous loop "Battle of Wines" Storytelling Re-enacting the battle of the wines competition Context: Legend says that King Philip II of France was a fan of drinking and decided to hold the Battle of the Wines competition. The King sent messengers to collect wine from everywhere in the world and then decided to judge which of all wines was the best. It is thought that Commandaria, delivered by a Cypriot priest, won this competition. Re-enact this legendary scene using vocabulary you have learned from previous stages. Remember: The King will consider both the taste of the wine but also the description given by the winemaker. Step 1 Step 4 Step 2 Step 3 **Division of Roles** Imagine your character's Scenario Time to act! King Philip II of France Responsibilities • Where are you? · Write your own • Feelings & Attitude • What are you wearing? Winemaker from Cyprus dialogues of how • Is Commandaria the • Winemaker from France • Dialogue & way of you think the story Messenger speaking main theme in the unfolded and dialogues? perform!





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Students may take several roles and switch roles as well

A student might take a role of an object too

Purpose of the activity:

To use the wine-related vocabulary from

previous activities and practice speaking

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Sub-section:	Tradition		
Exhibit number:	7		
Name of the exhibit:	Paint your Way		
Type of exhibit:	Tangible		
Recommended	20 minutes		
preparation time:			
Required students:	Individual activity or in pairs		
Brief description:	This activity seeks to use Commandaria as an artistic medium to		
	create either representative or non-representative drawings –		
	ideally related to the wine itself. The final result will be exhibited in		
	the space available and students can also add a small description		
	and label of their painting (in the classroom, hall, etc.).		
Materials and/or tools	A3 watercolor paper for each student		
needed:	2. Commandaria wine		
	3. Aprons		
	4. Paint brushes/painting tools		
	5. Pins and/or Blu Tac (for display)		
	6. Grape leaves & branches (optional)		
	7. Tables/small stations		
Dimensions of the exhibit:	Activity can take place in a classroom, art studio or open space		
	where students have the space to paint and experiment with the		
	artistic medium. Each student can have their own station (table,		
	booth, etc.) to work on individually		
Step by step construction	Step 1: Students will be introduced to using Commandaria as a		
instructions:	medium to paint.		
	Step 2: Using Commandaria wine as an 'ink' medium and/or		
	materials which make up Commandaria wine, students will create		
	their own artistic creations		
	Step 3: Ask students to write a small description of their piece of		
	art and add a label with the title of the painting		
	Step 4: Compile a collection of the paintings for display in the		
	classroom or school rooms.		

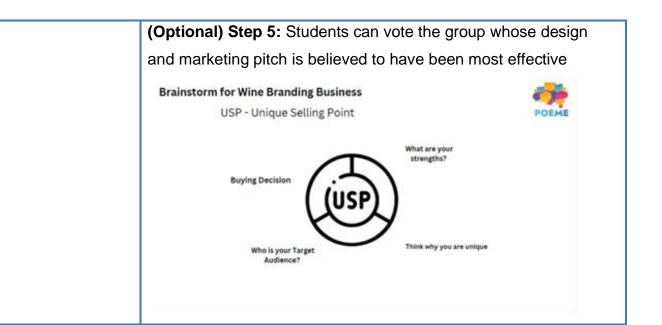




Sub-section:	Tradition
Exhibit number:	8
Name of the exhibit:	DIWine – Do-it-yourself-Wine
Type of exhibit:	Tangible or Digital
Recommended	25-30 minutes
preparation time:	
Required students:	2-3 students per group
Brief description:	In this activity, students will learn how to brainstorm about a
	product's Unique Selling Point (USP) step by step. They will first
	brainstorm about the different points provided on the template,
	and then proceed to create a catchy logo and brand title. They will
	use their abilities to market and customize their brand idea to try
	to "sell" it to potential buyers.
Materials and/or tools	Exhibit 8 Resource: USP Brainstorming (or something
needed:	similar)
	Re-used or recycled Wine/Commandaria Bottles
	3. Adhesive/non-adhesive Labels
	4. Paper
	5. Pens & colorful markers
	6. Electronic device (optional – for research and/or
	printing/designing)
	7. Tables/small stations
Dimensions of the exhibit:	The activity can be conducted digitally using design software such
	as Canva to model a brand and complete the brainstorming
	digitally. If done physically, student groups should have a
	dedicated space in the room to lay their materials and sketch out
	their ideas.
Step by step construction	Step 1: Brainstorm for wine business ideas
instructions:	Step 2: Complete the USP parameters
	Step 3: Design the Logo Label and the bottles
	Step 4: Present their product to the rest of the class and try to
	"sell" it – market it







Sub-section:	Tradition
Exhibit number:	9
Name of the exhibit:	Commandaria – A short film
Type of exhibit:	Digital
Recommended	5-10 minutes
preparation time:	
Required students:	All students
Brief description:	In this activity, students will learn how to display a digital video
	with the equipment available. Using audio devices and monitors to
	set up the display. They are expected to be well informed about
	the video as questions may be asked at the end.
Materials and/or tools	Exhibit 9 Resource: Commandaria Short Film (or
needed:	something similar)
	2. Monitor & Speakers
	3. Screen/Laptop/Projector
Dimensions of the exhibit:	Display of work. Wall or screen size depends on the space
	available. A TV screen or laptop could be also suitable.
Step by step construction	Step 1: Set up devices on which to watch the video (e.g.,
instructions:	projector, screen, laptop, sound etc.)
	Step 2: Watch video & take notes
	Step 3: Prepare for questions



