



Media and Representation:

Curating a South Asian Children's Book

Clifton Communities Research Project



Introductions

Proposal Recap

- Write a **children's story book**
- Represent **South Asian immigrant experience** in America
- **Short story collective** with interconnected characters
- Explore themes such as **colorism, acculturation, and mental health**
- Interview **local community members** from diverse backgrounds.



Purpose



Self-Reflection

Revisit aspects of our intersectionality to better understand our current environment and appreciate our culture(s)



Social Impact

Tackle ongoing issues that could impact future generations by initiating meaningful conversations

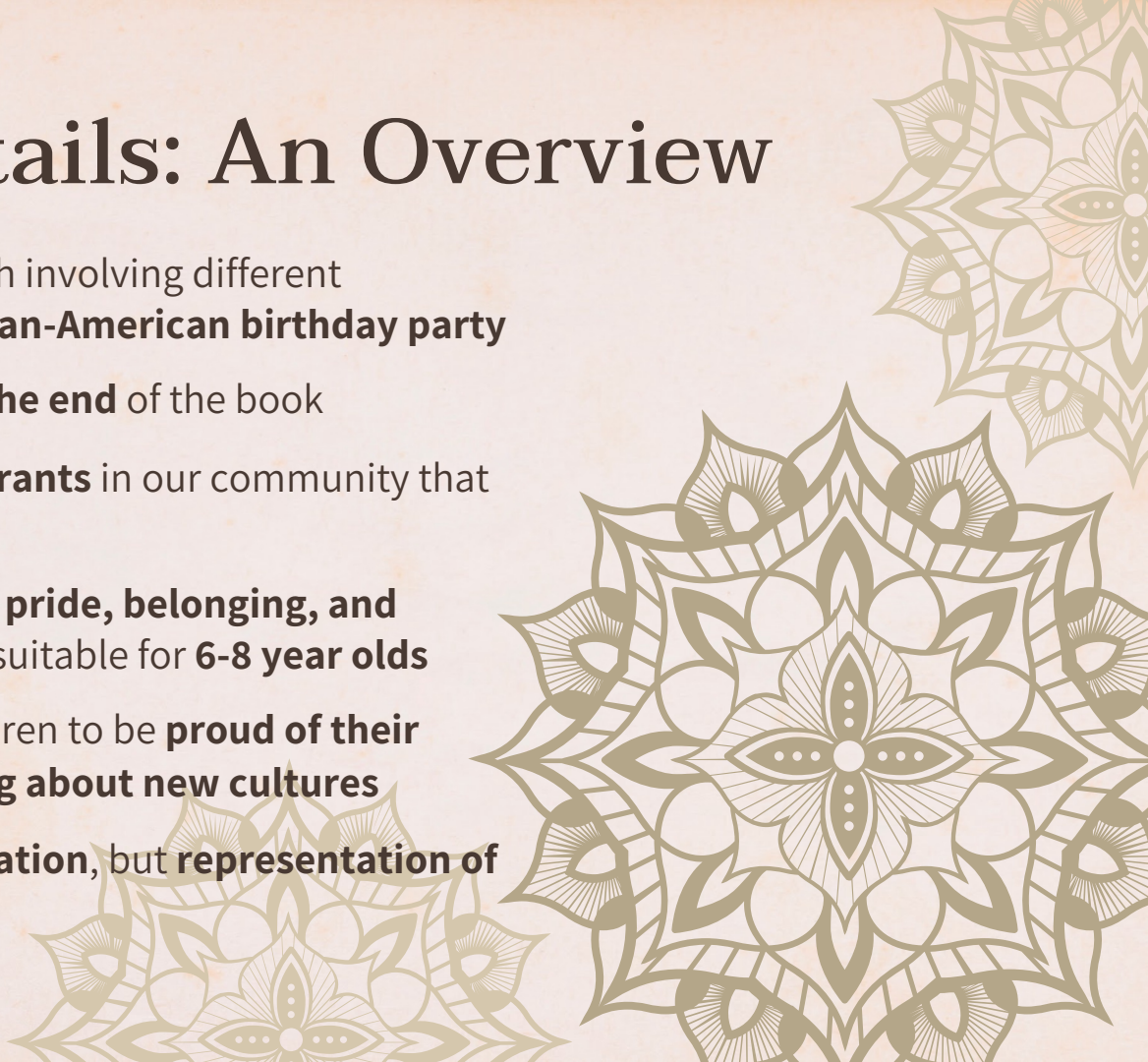
Designing our Storyline

What do we want to create?



Storyline Details: An Overview

- A collection of short stories, each involving different characters preparing for an **Indian-American birthday party**
- All the stories **interconnect at the end** of the book
- Inspired by **stories from immigrants** in our community that *we will interview*
- Tackling topics such as **cultural pride, belonging, and sharing one's culture** in a way suitable for **6-8 year olds**
- Larger goal to teach young children to be **proud of their culture** and **be open to learning about new cultures**
- Provide **South Asian representation**, but **representation of other ethnicities** as well



Storylines



Sister's POV:

How food can bring people together through traditional South Asian dishes



Brother's POV:

Showing the importance of traditional clothing at South Asian events



Best Friend's POV:

Understanding the importance of friends in South Asian culture and sharing culture with others



Mom's POV:

How family, immigrant stories, and intergenerational relationships influence South Asian culture



Logistics

How will we execute our project?

Project Delegation

Design



- Primarily focuses on writing and illustrating the book
- Researches the layout of children's books and art styles to maximize appeal to readers
- Makes the chapters and illustrations representative of South Asian culture



Field Research



Focuses on interviewing different South Asians and learning about their experiences
Collects accurate information to make sure readers are well-informed about these experiences
Researches South Asian traditions and South Asian American experience



Future Plans

- Hold readings at local elementary schools
- Plan mini events for cultural enrichment at these schools
- Collaborate with Emory clubs such as GradGen or ICA for these events
- Distribute snacks and display artifacts from around the world



Thank you!

Questions?