

# Unit 7: Contemporary Life: Education

Content Area: **World Languages**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **May**  
Length: **6 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Students will understand that language and culture have a great impact on contemporary life, work and education.

## **Essential Questions**

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How do language, culture and geography influence contemporary life?

Why does a culture identify with a particular pastime or sport over another?

## **Content**

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Students will be able to explain various cultural and social aspects of a francophone country.

Students will research and present information about a specific sport played in France or francophone country.

Students will explore vocabulary related to daily life, (school, college, work, hobbies, geography and travel)

## **Skills**

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Students will evaluate the role of sports in a society and how those sports can differ in various countries.

Students will describe various aspects of contemporary life including school, sports, hobbies, housing, professions and travel.

Students will use expressions with avoir, faire and être.

Students will describe their current lives (school, sports, work, etc.) and future plans (college, profession, travel).

## Resources

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## Standards

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AP: French Language and Culture (2011–2012)

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Interpersonal Communication

Primary Objective: The student engages in spoken interpersonal communications.

The student engages in the oral exchange of information, opinions, and ideas in a variety of time frames in informal situations.

The student elicits information and clarifies meaning by using a variety of strategies.

The student states and supports opinions in oral interactions.

The student initiates and sustains interaction through the use of various verbal and nonverbal strategies.

The student understands a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally appropriate expressions.

The student uses a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally appropriate expressions on a variety of topics.

The student self-monitors and adjusts language production.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.

Primary Objective: The student engages in written interpersonal communications.

The student engages in the written exchange of information, opinions, and ideas in a variety of time frames in formal situations.

The student engages in the written exchange of information, opinions, and ideas in a variety of time frames in informal situations.

The student writes informal correspondence in a variety of media using appropriate formats and conventions.

The student elicits information and clarifies meaning by using a variety of strategies.

The student states and supports opinions in written interactions.

The student initiates and sustains interaction during written interpersonal communication in a variety of media.

The student understands a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally appropriate expressions.

The student uses a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally appropriate expressions on a variety of topics.

The student self-monitors and adjusts language production.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.

### Interpretive Communication

Primary Objective: The student synthesizes information from a variety of authentic audio, visual, and audiovisual resources.

The student demonstrates comprehension of content from authentic audio resources.

The student demonstrates comprehension of content from authentic audiovisual resources.

The student demonstrates comprehension of content from authentic visual resources.

The student demonstrates understanding of a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally authentic expressions.

The student understands the purpose of a message and the point of view of its author.

The student identifies the distinguishing features (e.g., type of resource, intended audience, purpose) of authentic audio, visual, and audiovisual resources.

The student demonstrates critical viewing or listening of audio, visual, and audiovisual resources in the target cultural context.

The student monitors comprehension and uses other sources to enhance understanding.

The student examines, compares, and reflects on products, practices, and perspectives of the target culture(s).

The student evaluates similarities and differences in the perspectives of the target culture(s) and his or her own culture(s) as found in audio, visual, and audiovisual resources.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.

Primary Objective: The student synthesizes information from a variety of authentic written and print resources.

The student demonstrates comprehension of content from authentic written and print resources.

The student demonstrates understanding of a variety of vocabulary, including idiomatic and culturally

authentic expressions.

The student understands the purpose of a message and the point of view of its author.

The student identifies the distinguishing features (e.g., type of resource, intended audience, purpose) of authentic written and print resources.

The student demonstrates critical reading of written and print resources in the target cultural context.

The student monitors comprehension and uses other sources to enhance understanding.

The student examines, compares, and reflects on products, practices, and perspectives of the target culture(s).

The student evaluates similarities and differences in the perspectives of the target culture(s) and his or her own culture(s) as found in written and print resources.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.

#### Presentational Communication

Primary Objective: The student plans, produces, and presents spoken presentational communications.

The student produces a variety of creative oral presentations (e.g., original story, personal narrative, speech, performance).

The student retells or summarizes information in narrative form, demonstrating a consideration of audience.

The student creates and gives persuasive speeches.

The student expounds on familiar topics and those requiring research.

The student uses reference tools, acknowledges sources, and cites them appropriately.

The student self-monitors and adjusts language production.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.

Primary Objective: The student plans and produces written presentational communications.

The student produces a variety of creative writings (e.g., original story, personal narrative, script).

The student retells or summarizes information in narrative form, demonstrating a consideration of audience.

The student produces persuasive essays.

The student uses reference tools, acknowledges sources, and cites them appropriately.

The student self-edits written work for content, organization, and grammar.

The student demonstrates an understanding of the features of target culture communities (e.g., geographic, historical, artistic, social, or political).

The student demonstrates knowledge and understanding of content across disciplines.