

# Unit 1 (Uno) - Exploring the Spanish Speaking Countries of the World

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## **Exploring the Spanish Speaking Countries of the World**

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## **Unit Overview**

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In this unit, the students will compare and contrast the countries, capitals and currencies of the Spanish speaking world. They will conduct their own research to better understand these themes and create unique ways to present this information to the class.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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Enduring understandings:

- When comparing languages, cultural values, and believes, all communities deserve equal respect and consideration.
- Communicating in at least one other language in order to obtain information, express feelings and exchange opinions is important.
- Making interdisciplinary connections as one reads, writes, speaks, or listens in another

language allows one to acquire knowledge, reinforce concepts and gain new perspectives.

- Comparing English with other languages is important to understanding the nature of language and their cultures.
- Appreciating and understanding the variety of cultures that exist in a society enriches that society.
- Gaining knowledge about and empathizing with other peoples and cultures leads to a more tolerant society.
- Participating in multilingual communities both within and beyond the school setting leads to personal enjoyment and enrichment.
- Communicating in at least one other language is essential to gaining knowledge of other cultures (traditions, products, and perspectives).
- Customs and traditions not only differ from one country to another, but by region also.

## **Essential Questions**

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Essential Questions:

- How do the Spanish speaking countries of the world relate to one another?
- How do the Spanish speaking countries of the world differ from one another?
- What qualities make each Spanish speaking country unique?
- How does a country's makeup affect the people who live there?

## Exit Skills

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By the end of Unit 1 Spanish Culture and Conversation students will be able to:

- Recognize the main geographical features of Spanish speaking countries;
- Compare the populations of Spanish speaking countries and its impact on economies;
- Recognize the unique differences among Spanish speaking countries.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)

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WL.7.1.NM.A.C.1	Personal identity is developed through experiences that occur within one's family, one's community, and the culture at large. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: self, friends, family, pets, physical/personality descriptions, school, likes/dislikes, and pastimes.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.C.2	Observing and participating in culturally authentic activities contribute to familiarization with cultural products and practices. (Topics and activities that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: authentic celebrations, songs, and dances.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.C.4	Many products and practices related to home and community are shared across cultures; others are culture - specific. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: home life, places in the community, activities within the community, and travel.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.C.5	What is perceived as "basic needs" varies among and within cultures. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: safety, food, shelter, and purchase and sale of goods such as toys, games, travel, and luxury items.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.C.6	Maps, graphs, and other graphic organizers facilitate understanding of information on a wide range of topics related to the world and global issues. They make complex concepts more accessible to second - language learners w ho have limited proficiency in the language. (Content areas that assist in the development of this understanding should

WL.7.1.NM.A.C.7

include, but are not limited to: history, economics, science, and geography.)

Learning about age - and developmentally appropriate content that is of high interest to students and has a direct connection to the cultural contexts of the target language cultivates an awareness of the shared human experience. (Content that assists in the development of this understanding should include, but is not limited to: all content areas and popular culture.)

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.L.11-12.2.B

Spell correctly.

LA.L.11-12.4.A

Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

CAEP.9.2.12.C.5

Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.

## Learning Objectives

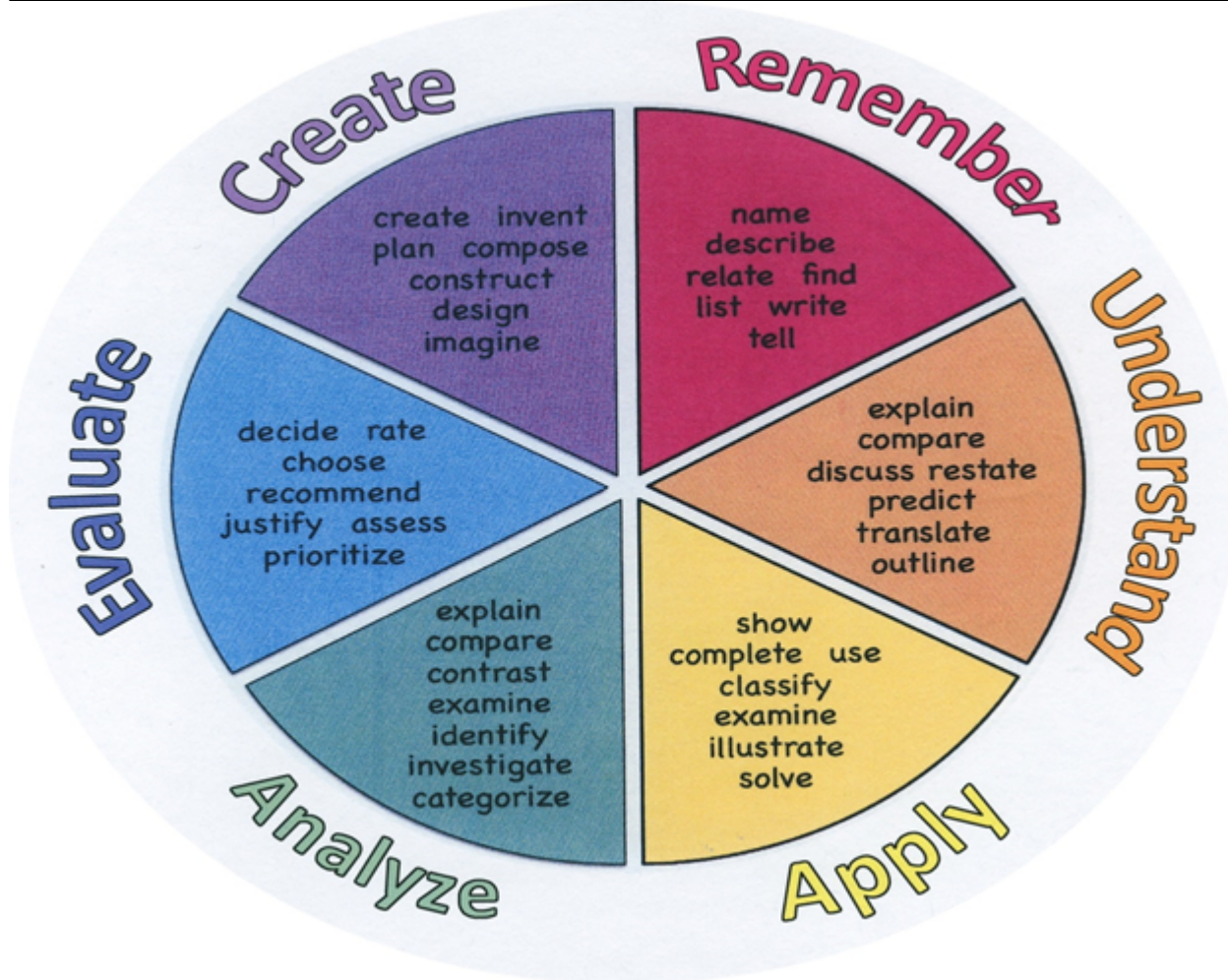
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- Identify the main geographic features of Spanish speaking countries of the world;
- Appraise the value of the Spanish speaking countries currencies versus the dollar;
- Identify the capitals and unique features of cities in Spanish speaking countries of the world;
- Describe Spanish speaking countries of the world in regards to gastronomy, sport life, and cultural aspects.

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate

Recall Recognize Repeat Reproduce	Select Show Summarize Tell Translate Associate Compute Convert Discuss Estimate Extrapolate Generalize Predict	Complete Compute Discover Divide Examine Graph Interpolate Manipulate Modify Operate Subtract	Outline Point out Separate		Prescribe Propose Reconstruct Revise Rewrite Transform
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### Suggested Activities & Best Practices

- Match vocabulary words to definitions.

- Group-based activities (Students of like learning styles should be grouped together)
- Create a Google Slides summarizing the lesson.
- Choice of projects:

- "Read and write" learners write a report.
- Visual learners create a graphic organizer of topic.
- Auditory learners give an oral report.
- Kinesthetic learners build a diorama illustrating the topic or time period.

Exemplar: Work collaboratively in pairs or groups to create, revise and present script on student choice unit topic in Seesaw video project.

### **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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- Evaluation & Oral presentation rubrics
  - Group activities
  - "Do Now" activities
  - Peer assessment
  - Unit Specific CFU- Name that Flag Game
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- Admit Tickets
  - Anticipation Guide
  - Common Benchmarks
  - Compare & Contrast

- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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Guided texts on curriculum topics

Authentic materials found on credible internet sources



## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Current event articles
- Internet / Video clips
- Teacher-generated materials

## **Technology Infusion**

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World language websites & resources are provided on Edlio class website and in class assignments like Google Classroom, SeeSaw, Kahoot, etc.

Exemplar: Create a 10-15 question Kahoot game using the vocabulary and grammar structures of their choice from the current unit to present to their peers during assessment reviews.

## Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
Photostory 3  
Kid Story Builder  
Music Maker Jam  
Paint A Story  
Office 365  
MS PowerPoint  
Stack 'Em Up  
NqSquared Numbers  
Physamajig  
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
Skydrive  
Lync  
SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
MS Excel  
Flipboard  
Office 365  
Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen



## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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Mastery and infusion of 21st Century Skills & Technology and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.5	Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.

TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS3	Develop cultural understanding and global awareness by engaging with learners of other cultures.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4	Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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**21st Century/Interdisciplinary Themes** that will be incorporated into this unit:

- Communication and Collaboration
- Media Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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Global Awareness

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## **Differentiation**

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General Differentiations:

- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives

- Center-based instruction
- Study guides
- Multisensory approaches
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Small group setting

#### Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Leveled rubrics
- Multiple intelligence options
- Project-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Tiered activities/assignments

#### Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of activities
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied supplemental materials

Exemplar: Students engage in student choice project based learning to help explore and present understanding of current vocabulary and grammar skills in accordance with their own levels of knowledge.

-Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan

-Additional time for skill mastery

-Student working with an assignment partner

-Check work frequently for understanding

-Extended time on tests/quizzes

-Multisensory presentation

Exemplar: Provide word bank on fill in the blank/recall assessments.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction

- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Not applicable to World Language classes.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers



- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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-Using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

-Tutoring by peers

-Having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes

-Allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning

Exemplar: Encourage attendance at before school/after school tutoring program to allow for added one on one review and instruction time.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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-Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text

-Cluster grouping

-Allow students to work at a faster pace

Exemplar: Allow students to create a lesson and teach the class using the medium of their choice

as a teaching aid (Google slides, speech, SeeSaw activity or video)

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: Exploring the Spanish Speaking Countries of the World

NJSLS: Please see below

Interdisciplinary Connection: Geography, History, Math (currency)

Statement of Objective: SWDAT identify the countries located in Central America, recall their capitals and currencies, describe their flags and explain three interesting facts about their lands at 90% accuracy or better on a webquest worksheet.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Retrieve laptop, sign in, prepare for today's activities

Learning Activity: 1) General greeting and welcome to the class 2) Retrieval and set up of laptops 3) Distribution and explanation of the webquest worksheet 4) Individual completion of webquest worksheet day 3 of 4 4) Discussion of tomorrow's plans 5) Q&A session 6) Closure activity

Student Assessment/CFU's: Please see below

Materials: TC webquest worksheets, laptops

21st Century Themes and Skills: Please see below

Differentiation:

Above: Higher tiered questioning, peer teach

On: On target questioning, peer chat

Below: Basic questioning, teacher assisted practice, misconception checks

Integration of Technology: Student use of laptops