

# Italian Culture and Conversation, Unit 4: From the Roman Forum to the Modern World

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## Unit Overview

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This area should give an introduction to the Unit.

In the unit, the student will be able to:

- Recognize that Italy continues to change from its ancient world to the modern one;
- Recognize that Italy is an evolving country with many culture and ethnicities;
- Compare the problems in modern Italy with those in the United States and other industrialized countries.

## NJSLS

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Please link all standards that apply in this section within the curriculum of the unit being written. Please include all Common Core and New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards.

WL.7.1.IL.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of oral and written instructions connected to daily activities through appropriate responses.
WL.7.1.IL.A.3	Compare and contrast the use of verbal and non - verbal etiquette (i.e., the use of gestures, intonation, and cultural practices) in the target culture(s) and in one's own culture.
WL.7.1.IL.A.C.2	The study of another language and culture deepens understanding of where and how people live and why events occur. (Content areas that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: history, science, economics, and geography.)
WL.7.1.IL.A.C.6	The amount of leisure time available and how it is spent varies among cultures. (Topics

	that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: likes/dislikes, pastimes schedules, and travel.)
WL.7.1.IL.A.C.9	Current trends and issues influence popular culture. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: fashion, style, popular music, art, and pastimes.)
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1	The Intermediate - Low language learner understands and communicates at the sentence level and can use simple sentences independently to:
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1.b	Understand the gist and some supporting details of conversations dealing with everyday life.
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1.c	Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.
WL.7.1.IL.B.3	Use appropriate gestures, intonation, and common idiomatic expressions of the target culture(s)/language in familiar situations
WL.7.1.IL.B.C.2	The study of another language and culture deepens understanding of where and how people live and why events occur. (Content areas that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: history, science, economics, and geography.)
WL.7.1.IL.B.C.9	Current trends and issues influence popular culture. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: fashion, style, popular music, art, and pastimes.)
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b	Handle simple transactions related to everyday life:
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.5	Request, suggest, and make arrangements.
WL.7.1.IL.C.1	Use knowledge about cultural products and cultural practices to create a multimedia - rich presentation on targeted themes to be shared virtually with a target language audience.
WL.7.1.IL.C.5	Explain the cultural perspective associated with a few cultural products and cultural practices from the target culture (s) and one's own culture.

## Exit Skills

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What are the skills that the students should have obtained by the end of this unit?

By the end of Unit 4 Italian Culture and Conversation students will be able to:

- Identify iconic Italian architecture;
- Identify how modern Italy society continues to change as many new cultures and ethnicities arrive

## Enduring Understanding

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- Interpreting spoken and written language is essential to good communication and building rapport.
- Communicative modes are different based on the level of formality.
- When comparing languages, cultural values, and beliefs, 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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- How will the historical and iconic structures of Italy survive?
- How does a country retain its own culture in the face of a changing population that has a different culture?
- What is Italy's role in the contemporary world?
- What problems does Italy face?
- How does life in Italy compare to life in the United States and other global societies?

## Learning Objectives

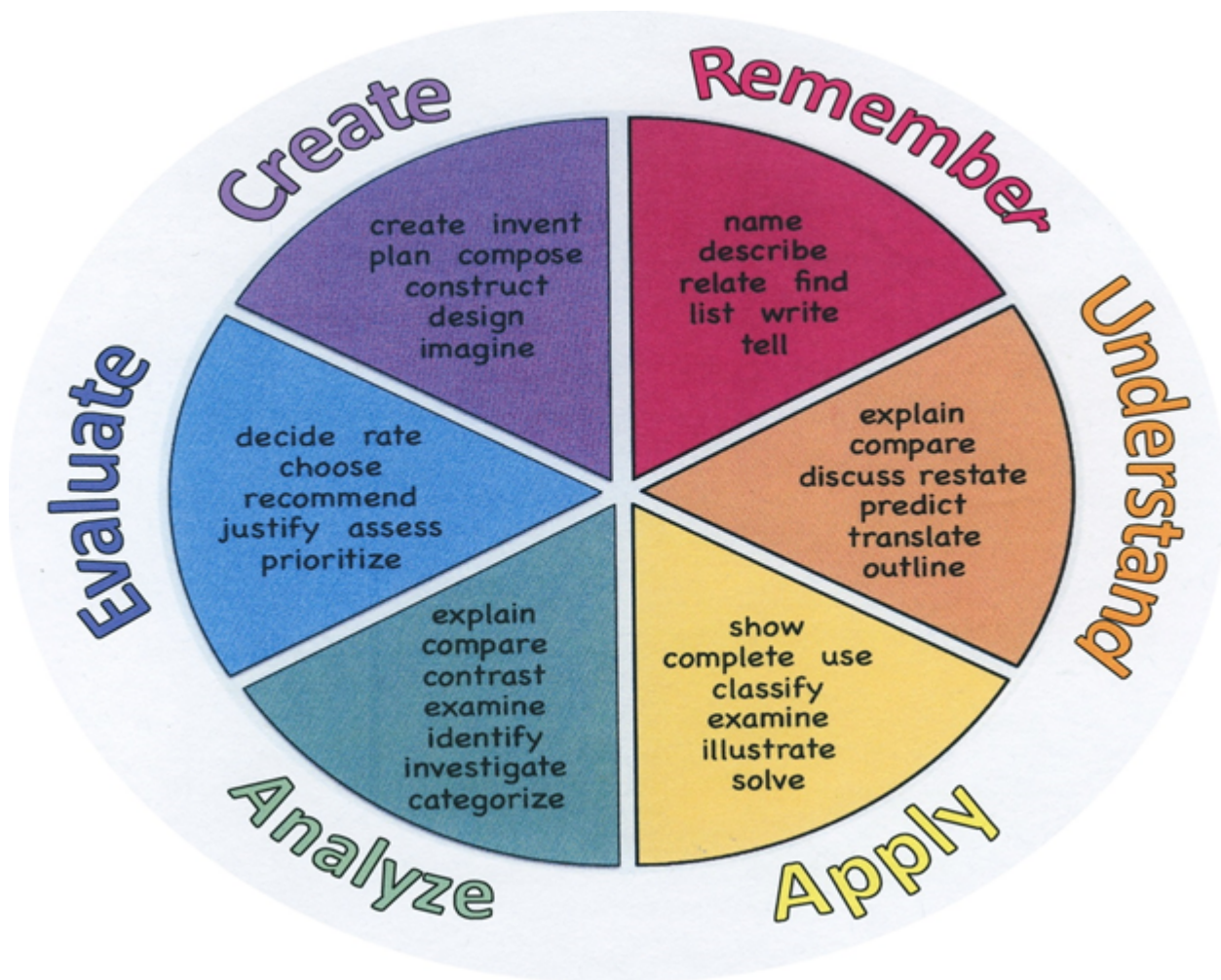
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- Identify the iconic architecture:
  - The Roman Forum
  - The Colosseum
  - The Roman Wall
  - The Appian Way
  - Pompeii
  - Its cathedrals and duomos of Florence, Assisi, Naples, Milan, Rome, Pisa
- Identify the populations that have migrated to Italy;
- Compare and contrast how its newest immigrant populations are assimilating into their new surroundings.

Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy. These are useful in writing learning objectives, assignment objectives and exam questions.

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



## Interdisciplinary Connections

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Please list all and any cross-curricular content standards that link to this Unit.

SOC.6.2.12.B.1.a	Explain major changes in world political boundaries between 1450 and 1770, and assess the extent of European political and military control in Africa, Asia, and the Americas by the mid-18th century.
SOC.6.2.12.B.1.b	Determine the role of natural resources, climate, and topography in European exploration, colonization, and settlement patterns.
SOC.6.2.12.C.5.f	Assess the impact of the European Union on member nations and other nations.
SOC.6.3.12	Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.
CAEP.9.2.12.C	Career Preparation

## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

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### Key SUBJECTS AND 21st CENTURY THEMES

Mastery of key subjects and 21st century themes is essential for all students in the 21st century.

Key subjects include:

- English, reading or language arts
- World languages
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Government and Civics

## 21st Century/Interdisciplinary Themes

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

## **21st Century Skills**

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- 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

## **Technology Infusion**

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- SMARTBoard
- MS Word
- MS Excel
- MS PowerPoint
- Webquest
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Podcasts
- Webcasts
- Laptops
- YouTube
- TeacherTube
- DVD
- Streaming
- Skype
- Blogs
- Wikis
- Twitter
- Movie Making
- Online research
- Photostories
- Ted Talks
- Game-based Learning

## **Differentiation**

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- Choral Response
- Think-Pair-Share

- Tiered Instruction
- Oral Questioning
- Word Bank
- Graphic Organizers
- Debriefing
- 3-2-1
- Say Something

## **Special Education**

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- 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
- 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



- 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

## **Intervention Strategies**

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- 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

## **Evidence of Student Learning-CFU's**

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Please list ways educators may effectively check for understanding in this section.

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit tests

## **Primary Resources**

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Oggi

Italian Is Fun

Commedie Dinertenti

### **Ancillary Resources**

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<http://www.conversazione.net/>

[www.insequare-italiano.it](http://www.insequare-italiano.it)

[www.italian12.info](http://www.italian12.info)

<http://www.puntolingua.it/escerciziintro.ita.asp>

[www.2000milia.it](http://www.2000milia.it)