

# Unit 6 (Sei) - Contemporary Life

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# ITALIAN 4AP, 12 CONTEMPORARY LIFE

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## **Unit Overview**

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### **Unit 6- Contemporary Life**

Vocabulary associated with various aspects of modern life that include:

- Education
- Holidays
- Traditions & Social Values
- Travel

Grammar rules (before AP Exam):

- Gerunds/Infinitives
- Indicative vs. Subjunctive
- Review of Tenses & Moods

Write persuasive essays, emails, and blogs incorporating grammar rules and unit vocabulary

## **Enduring Understanding**

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### **Students will understand that:**

- Successful communication is knowing how, when and why to convey a message to different audiences.
- The content of the world languages classroom encompasses the entire learning experience.
- Language reflects and is influenced by the culture in which it is found.
- Listening is the process of receiving, constructing meaning from, and responding to spoken and nonverbal messages.
- Cultural perspectives are gained by using the language through experience with its products and cultures.
- Rules and conventions of language help readers and listeners understand what is being communicated.

## **Essential Questions**

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### **Students will keep considering:**

- How do societies and individuals define quality of life?
- How is contemporary life influenced by cultural products, practices and perspectives?
- What are the challenges of contemporary life?
- How does the choice of words affect the message?
- How are cultural perspectives reflected in a culture's products and social practices?

## **Exit Skills**

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### **Students will be able to discuss and write about:**

- Advertising and Marketing / *Pubblicità e Marketing*
- Education / *Formazione scolastica*
- Holidays and Celebrations / *Feste e celebrazioni*
- Housing and Shelter / *Alloggio e riparo*
- Leisure and Sports / *Tempo libero e sport*
- Professions / *professioni*
- Rites of Passage / *Riti di passaggio*
- Travel / *Viaggio*

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

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WL.7.1.AL.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of spoken and written language and nuances of culture, as expressed by speakers of the target language, in informal and some formal settings.
WL.7.1.AL.A.3	Analyze the use of verbal and non - verbal etiquette in the target culture(s) and in one's own culture to develop an understanding of how cultural perspectives are reflected in cultural products and cultural practices.
WL.7.1.AL.A.4	Evaluate, from multiple cultural perspectives, the historical, political, and present - day contexts that connect or have connected famous people, places, and events from the target culture(s) with the United States.
WL.7.1.AL.B.L.1.a	Infer meaning of unfamiliar words in new contexts.
WL.7.1.AL.B.L.1.d	Compare and contrast.
WL.7.1.AL.B.L.1.e	Offer and support opinions.
WL.7.1.AL.C.1	Create a research - based multimedia - rich presentation to be shared virtually with a target language audience.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.W.11-12.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
LA.SL.11-12.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
LA.L.11-12.2.B	Spell correctly.
LA.L.11-12.4.C	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, its etymology, or its standard usage.
LA.L.11-12.5.A	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.
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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**After completing this unit, students will be able to:**

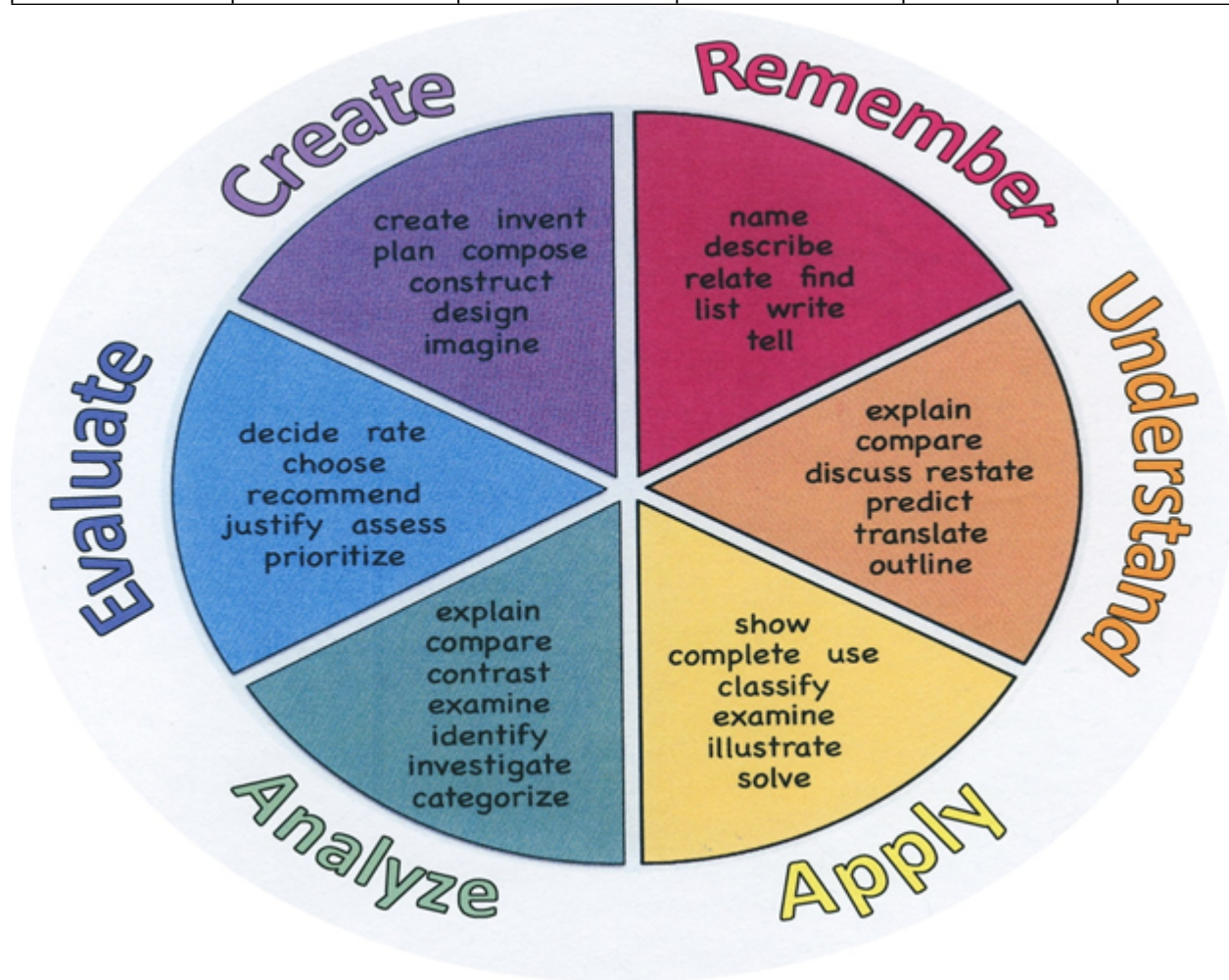
- **Read, Comprehend, Analyze, and Critique** written text and oral Language
- **Understand** and **Apply** written and oral conventions to everyday interactions
- **Compare & Contrast** contemporary life in Italy with that of the US
- **Evaluate** careers using Italian
- **Recognize** and **express** feelings / opinions

## Action Verbs

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 Extrapolate Generalize Predict	Operate Subtract			
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## Suggested Activities & Best Practices

Suggested Activities:

- Written comprehension activities;
- Reading comprehension activities;
- Oral practice;
- Interactive games;
- Integrate technology (e.g. Kahoot!, Escape Rooms, Seesaw, etc.)
- Read aloud several selections written that use multiple parts of speech;

- Practice identifying parts of speech in context of a story, dialogue, or song;
- Rewrite a poem changing tenses;
- Watch and listen to authentic recordings to improve pronunciation.

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
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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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District Text Books provided for each language.

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Current event articles
- Internet / Video clips / Virtual tours
- 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.

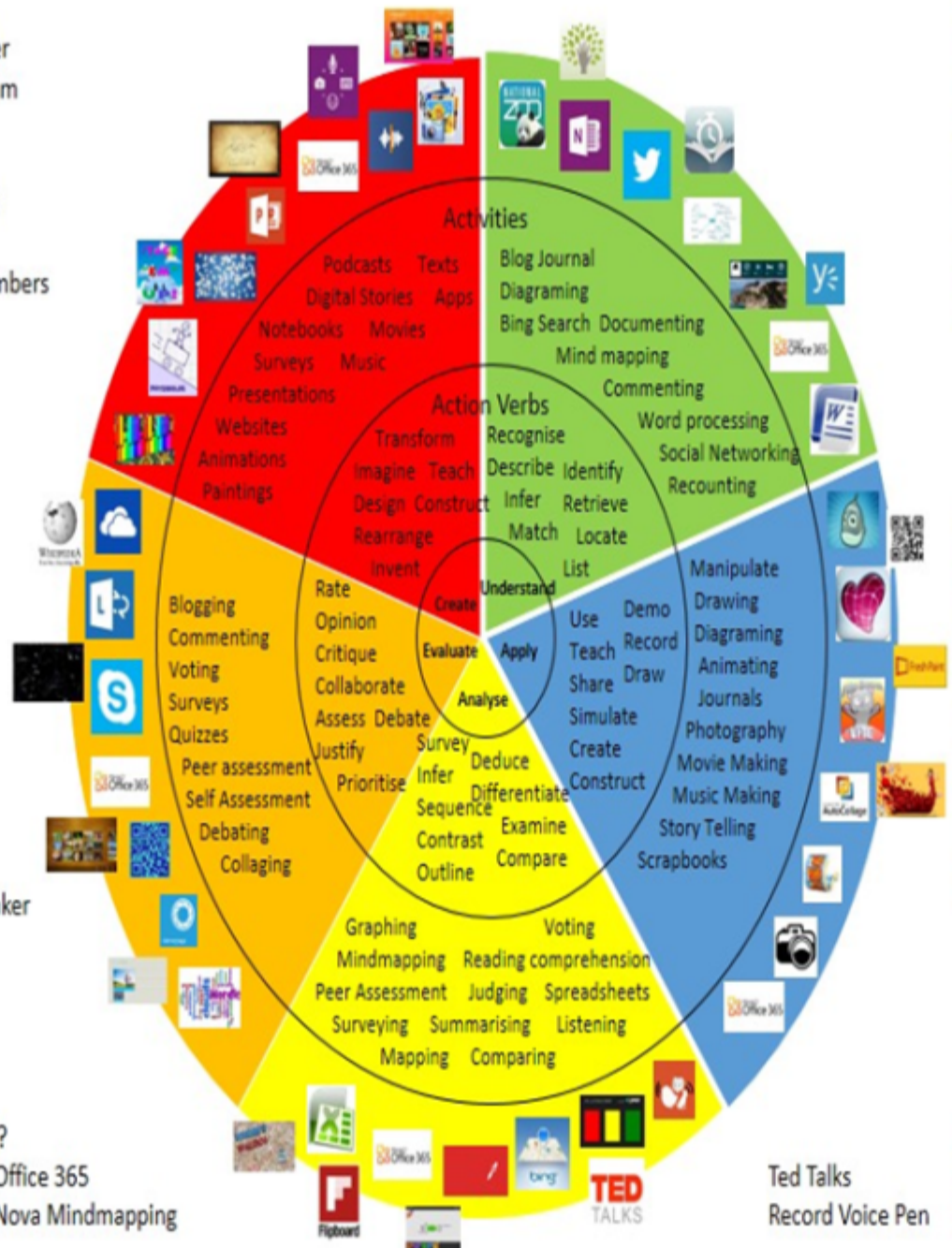
Exemplar: Create a 10-15 question Kahoot game using the vocabulary and grammar structures of their choice from the current unit to present to their peers during assessment reviews.



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

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

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- 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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**21st Century Skills** that will be incorporated into this unit:

- 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
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- 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

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- additional time for skill mastery
- student working with an assigned partner
- check work frequently for understanding
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- preferential seating
- 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.

- 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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- tutoring by peers

- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - 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
  - Exemplar: Encourage attendance at before school/after school tutoring program to allow for added one on one review and instruction time.
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  - 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
  - Above grade level placement option for qualified students
  - 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)
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- 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: Contemporary Life

NJSLS: SEE FLAG

Interdisciplinary Connection: SEE FLAG

Statement of Objective: SWDAT comprehend what they read, infer meanings of unfamiliar vocabulary, and respond to practice e-mails, and begin writing persuasive essays from the Contemporary Life section in the AP test preparation book pursuant to the AP syllabus. They will also continue employing more sophisticated usage of various tenses to a greater extent to promote more sophisticated writing and conversation in French.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Culture Capsule / Quotation of the day – both TBD based on daily website

Learning Activity: 1) Continue working on chapter 6 regarding French persuasive essays in the Barrons AP Test Prep book and draft a practice essays from practice exercise.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Teacher observation. Aural/Oral discrimination.; Choral repetition

Materials: Barrons Chapter 6

21st Century Themes and Skills: Global Awareness, Civic Literacy

Differentiation: 1) Multisensory presentation format; 2) Lectures/drills coupled with graphic organizers and/or handouts

Integration of Technology: Explore sources on my Edlio class website.; wordreference.com