

Unit 1: Intro of German Language & Culture (Wks 1-6)

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UNIT RATIONALE

Students will discover how many influences both past and present German culture and people have had on the lives of Americans and/or the world and how the German language has influenced English as they begin to use very basic German for simple communication.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What do we know & use from Germany?

Which "American" foods are of German origin?

Which famous Germans can you name and why?

Which languages are closely related to ours?

Which German words are used by English speakers?

What are cognates?

What are the phonics rules in German?

STANDARDS

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CONTENT AREA

SAVED

New Jersey (NJSL) - World Languages - Novice Low - Interpersonal (2020)

7.1.NL.IPERS.1

Respond to a few simple questions on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.2

With the help of gestures and/or visuals, share with others basic needs on very familiar topics using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced.

7.1.NL.IPERS.3

Tell others a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases, often supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.IPERS.4

React to a few procedural instructions, directions, and commands in classroom situations.

7.1.NL.IPERS.5

Enact a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Novice Low - Interpretive (2020)

7.1.NL.IPRET.1

Identify a few memorized and practiced words contained in oral, viewed, and written chunks of language in culturally authentic materials when supported by visual cues such as pictures and gestures and text support such as bolded words, bulleted lists, and/or captions.

7.1.NL.IPRET.2

Respond with physical actions and/or gestures to simple oral directions, commands, and requests.

7.1.NL.IPRET.3

Recognize a few common gestures associated with the target culture(s).

New Jersey (NJSLS) - World Languages - Novice Low - Presentational (2020)

7.1.NL.PRSNT.1

Present very familiar personal information using memorized words and phrases that have been repeatedly practiced, often using gestures and visuals to support communication.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.2

Express a few basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized words and phrases that are supported by gestures or visuals.

7.1.NL.PRSNT.3

Imitate a few culturally authentic gestures when greeting others and during leave takings.

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NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: CAREER READINESS, LIFE LITERACIES AND KEY SKILLS

PFL.9.1.12.CFR.4	Demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationships among attitudes, assumptions, and patterns of behavior regarding money, saving, investing, and work across cultures.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.2	Develop college and career readiness skills by participating in opportunities such as structured learning experiences, apprenticeships, and dual enrollment programs.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.4	Analyze how economic conditions and societal changes influence employment trends and future education.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.5	Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.7	Examine the professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities for both employers and employees in the global workplace.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.8	Assess the impact of litigation and court decisions on employment laws and practices.

NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DESIGN THINKING

TECH.8.1.12.A.2	Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.
TECH.8.1.12.A.3	Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.12.B.2	Apply previous content knowledge by creating and piloting a digital learning game or tutorial.

PRE-ASSESSMENTS

Students will take a very basic pre-test just to assess how much German vocab they know (if any) already consisting of short, simple translations and questions utilizing the vocab used in this intro unit dealing with greetings, how one is doing, and basic weather comments. Cognates will be written on the board for students to guess...and to prove that there are many recognizable words (cognates) between the languages.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

MODULE 1

Student Learning Intentions (SLI) WALT: (We are learning to...)

We are learning to:

- identify Germanic cognates
- learn the relationships between Germanic language families and how Old English evolved from Old German
- greet one another based on times and regions
- ask and answer how one is feeling
- discuss the weather in basic terms
- use basic sentence structure
- learn the basic phonics of German for pronunciation
- identify which products, inventions, music, foods, and famous people have had and still have an impact on the USA
- identify which German words are used in everyday English

Student Learning Strategies

Note-taking from the board
Brainstorming for cultural awareness = additional notes
Oral repetition for pronunciation
Partner Skits as interviews (written & oral)
Oral Q&A between teacher and student & student based
Short written responses
Completion of homework either in the workbook or assigned on Google Classroom

Success Criteria

Can pronounce German words phonetically
Can discuss famous Germans and their influences
Can discuss food & drinks from Germany
Can recognize cognates
Can explain how English evolved from German
Can greet someone properly
Can be polite and ask how one is doing and answer
Can ask and answer about the weather
Can use salutations properly
Can utilize proper basic German word order

<p>Formative Assessment (drives instructional decisions)</p>	<p>Daily Participation Homework Vocab Quizzing Partner Skit Final Unit Test</p>
<p>Activities and Resources</p>	<p>Oral participation Partner interviews Q&A Internet for pictures of famous Germans & inventions or to play their music Vocab games</p>
<p>Suggested Modifications</p>	<p>English Language Learners</p> <p>Native language support: The teacher provides auditory or written content to students in their native language.</p> <p>Adjusted Speech: The teacher changes speech patterns to increase student comprehension. This could include facing the students, paraphrasing, clearly indicating the most important ideas, and speaking more slowly.</p> <p>Visuals: The teacher uses graphics, pictures, visuals, and manipulatives. This helps ELL students better understand and comprehend the subjects at hand.</p> <p>Front-Loading Vocabulary: The teacher front loads vocabulary. This means providing students with a list of important vocabulary words they will need to know for a book, lesson, etc. prior to the lesson being taught. Including pictures to go with the vocabulary words is also very beneficial for the students.</p> <p>Special Education Students</p> <p>Chunking: The teacher presents information in a way that makes it easy for students to understand and remember. Chunking is based on the presumption that our working memory is easily overloaded by excessive detail. The best way to deliver information is to organize it into meaningful units. Because students with special needs get overloaded easily, chunking is an effective strategy to use</p>

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Extra time: The teacher provides students with special needs extra time to complete work or answer questions. It is important to give students enough time to process their thoughts.

Oral Reading: The teacher will read work orally to students. Class work such as tests and literature circles may need to be read aloud to the student.

Timers: The teacher will use timers as an instructional tool. The use of timers is beneficial for students who have trouble completing tasks. Timers can be helpful so the student is aware of how much time they have to complete an assignment.

Students with 504 Plans

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Gifted & Talented Strategies

Extensions/Enrichments: Teachers will provide gifted and talented students with extension/enrichment projects. Students will be challenged to further their understanding, to apply acquired knowledge, and/or to produce something in reference to acquired knowledge.

Modify/Change Activities: Teachers will monitor and modify activities to accommodate those students who need to be challenged further. Additional reading, problem-solving, writing, or project work is necessary for those students who are ready to move on at a rate more accelerated than their peers. In this way, G & T students are provided the same opportunity for support as special needs students.

Students at Risk of School Failure

Directions or Instructions: Make sure directions and/or instructions are given in limited numbers. Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format. Ask students to repeat the instructions or directions to ensure understanding occurs. Check back with the student to ensure he/she hasn't forgotten.

Peer Support: Peers can help build confidence in other students by assisting in peer learning. Many teachers use the 'ask 3 before me' approach. This is fine, however, a student at risk may have to have a specific student or two to ask. Set this up for the student so he/she knows who to ask for clarification

before going to you.

Alternate or Modified Assignments: Always ask yourself, "How can I modify this assignment to ensure the students at risk are able to complete it?"

Sometimes you'll simplify the task, reduce the length of the assignment or allow for a different mode of delivery. For instance, many students may hand something in, the at-risk student may jot notes and give you the information verbally. Or, it just may be that you will need to assign an alternate assignment.

Increase One to One Time: When other students are working, always touch base with your students at risk and find out if they're on track or needing some additional support. A few minutes here and there will go a long way to intervene as the need presents itself.

Contracts: It helps to have a working contract between you and your students at risk. This helps prioritize the tasks that need to be done and ensure completion happens. Each day write down what needs to be completed, as the tasks are done, provide a checkmark or happy face. The goal of using contracts is to eventually have the student come to you for completion sign-offs.

REFLECTIONS

BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Periodic quizzes

Constant teacher-directed Q&A to measure progress for an oral participation grade

Student interviews and dialogues

Skit based on chapter topic, its vocabulary, and the chapter's new grammar

SUMMATIVE/END-OF-UNIT ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include listening, speaking, reading, and writing in German as well as cultural understanding and discussions.

A written chapter test also concludes the chapter.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS: NEW JERSEY STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS FOR ELA, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
MA.K-12.3	Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
MA.K-12.8	Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.W.11-12.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
SCI.HS-ETS1-1	Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.
SOC.6.2.12.A.6.d	Assess the effectiveness of responses by governments and international organizations to tensions resulting from ethnic, territorial, religious, and/or nationalist differences.

