

Explor-A-World Lesson Themes, Cultural Content, and Coordinating Academic Content

Weaving culture and core content into language lessons is a great way to cover numerous skills and standards efficiently. This guide is intended to illustrate the variety of cultural topics available and the general connections that each lesson may have to core subject areas. Each lesson includes 3-5 activities, some of which will connect to the core subjects listed below. Unless otherwise indicated, an 'X' indicates that all levels include the related activity. To learn more about lessons, cultural and core content connections, and individual or school subscription plans, Contact Us through our website!

Lesson Theme	German: Cultural Content	French: Cultural Content	Italian: Cultural Content	Spanish: Cultural Content	Mandarin: Cultural Content	Math	ELA	Soc.	Art
Greetings	Intro to Germany/Berlin	Intro to France/Paris	Intro to Italy/Rome	Intro to Mexico/Mexico City	Intro to China/Beijing	X (K-3)		X (4/5)	
Numbers (1-10)	Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks	Tour de France	World Cup Soccer	Cinco de Mayo	Great Wall of China	X			
Colors	Painter Franz Marc	Claude Monet	Festivals	Artist Frida Kahlo	Cloisonné Artwork				X
Family Members	Neuschwanstein Castle	French Chateaux	Michelangelo	Aztecs/Mayans	Moon Festival		X		X
Weather	St. Martin's Day	Mistral Winds	Geography	Geography	Suzhou Gardens		X		X
Clothing	Beethoven	Geography	Italian Schools	Mariachi Music	Geography	X (2-5)			X (K-1)
Fruits	Munich Markets	French Meals	Gelato	Tamales	Chinese Birthday Traditions	X (K/1)	X (2/3)		
Vegetables	German Food	French Marketplaces	Italian Food	Chiles	Chinese New Year	X (2/3)	X (4/5)		X (K/1)
Animals	Steiff Stuffed Animals	French Farming Regions	Leonardo da Vinci	Dia del Charro	Giant Pandas	X (4/5)	X (2/3)		X (K/1)
Places	German First Day of School Traditions	Map Comparison, Strasbourg	Venice, Italy	City of Oaxaca	Terra Cotta Warriors	X	X (K-1)		

Key to Academic Content:

Math: Depending on grade level, math content may include addition/subtraction; comparing numbers (<,>=); measuring; telling time; working with geometric shapes; money skills; compiling and presenting data.

ELA: Depending on grade level, English Language Arts content may include writing exercises; listening/reading comprehension; presentational skills; understanding or creating sequenced instructions; projects including technology (research and presentations).

Social Studies: While all lessons can be considered related to Social Studies (given the focus on cultural information,) some lessons focus more on comparing geographic regions or identifying regional products.

Art: Depending on grade level, art content may include art appreciation and analysis; creating and presenting artwork; visually representing/reflecting on cultural topic.

NOTE: Due to the flexible nature of the lessons, activities may be adapted to include additional connections to core standards. For example, a writing piece may be added to any math/art/social studies activity to provide an opportunity to reflect on the activity or game.

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