## **Contemporary Life Topics/Resources Essential Questions** Level Novice Low/Mid • What is my personal style? Clothing • Things I Like to Do How does what I do define who I am? Entertainment • What teenage activities are the same or different in the target culture? Music • Sports • What do leisure time activities tell us about the values of a culture? Vacation How does our concept of vacation differ from that of the target culture? Novice High • Leisure Activities • How balanced is my lifestyle? • How are my activities different from or similar to Housing those in ? Daily Routine How does U.S. housing compare to \_\_\_\_\_? School How is my school day similar to or different from the school day in the target culture? · What is a "good" education? Intermediate Low Travel • How does travel change my life? Planning/Taking a Trip • How do I interact appropriately in situations encountered in travel? Driving • How do I get around in the target culture? Tourism • Customs/Etiquette • How does the sale and use of drugs affect life in our culture and the target culture? • Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco Intermediate Mid Entertainment • Is pop culture global, or does it differ from Current Events culture to culture? How do current events impact our lives? Government · How do we define "quality of life"? · How does government affect the quality of life? Intermediate High Current Events How are we preparing for life in the future? /Advanced Low Education and Career How do different societies define "quality of life"? Social Values and · How is contemporary life influenced by products, Customs practices and perspectives? Youth Culture Why are language and culture inseparable when we stress the importance of global proficiency in 21st-century professions?

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