

Intermediate Low

Themes, Topics, and Essential Questions

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Themes	Topics	Essential Questions
Personal and Public Identities	Ethnic Groups Nationalities Stereotypes/Image Etiquette Cultural Practices Volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I relate or connect to people from other cultures? • How can I use my language skills to relate to other groups in my community in a culturally appropriate manner?
Families and Communities/ Social Relationships	Holidays and Celebrations Education Heroes and Heroines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do celebrated events define and impact the identity of a community? • What makes a “good” education? • Who is a hero/heroine to me? Why? • Who is a hero/heroine in the target culture? Why?

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Beauty and Aesthetics	Art and Music Ideal of Beauty Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I critically reflect on art and music? • How can the art of a culture be described? • What is our ideal of beauty? Is it the same as or different from that of the target culture? • What does its literature say about a culture? • How do you analyze a character in literature?
Global Issues and Challenges	Education Human Rights Conservation Water Sustainable Energy Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why can't some children get a good education? • What are the rights of a child? • Do humans have an obligation to protect nature? • What is the connection between clean water and the quality of life? • How do we use resources wisely? • How do we establish sustainable development strategies?

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Interdisciplinary/STEM	Health Fitness Science/Technology History Historical Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I live a healthy lifestyle? • How do advances in science and technology impact my life today? • How has the past impacted the present in the target culture?
Contemporary Life	Travel Planning a Trip Taking the Trip Driving Tourism Customs/Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does travel change my life? • How do I interact appropriately in situations encountered in travel? • How do I get around in the target culture?
Communications and Media	Current Events Social Media Sensationalism in the Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is happening around the world? • How do current events in other countries impact us? • How do social media impact my life? • How can I use social media to connect with people in other countries or other cultures? • Does the media report only facts? • What does sensationalism in the media look like?

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Career Connections	21st-Century Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the skills needed to function in the 21st-century world? (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving, tech and media literacy, etc.)• Why are these skills so important?• How do I identify my skills and aptitudes to find a suitable career?