

Novice High

Themes, Topics, and Essential Questions

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Who am I? How do I relate to my community?

Themes	Topics	Essential Questions
Personal and Public Identities	Nationalities Image Stereotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who am I, and how do I relate to my community?• How does what I do and where I am from define me?• How do others see me?• How am I unique?

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Families and Communities/ Social Relationships	Places in the Community Directions Transportation People in the Community Professions Rites of Passage Chores Dining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the important places in my community? • How is my family part of the community? • How can I travel in my community or in a target community? • What are the characteristics of a community? • Which professions are necessary for community life? • How do I contribute to my family's well-being? • How does the value that we put on age vary from culture to culture? • What are important rites of passage in my culture and in the target culture? • How do eating and dining habits compare across cultures?
Beauty and Aesthetics	Architecture Famous Monuments Dance Music Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does our concept of beauty say about our culture? • Are monuments important to a society? • How is a culture reflected in its products, art or music?

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Global Issues and Challenges	Transportation Directions Animals Landforms (lake, river, mountain, etc.) Poverty Hunger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What transportation differences exist between my country and the target country? • How do I find my way in a city in the target culture? • What part do animals play in our lives? The lives of others in_____? • How does geography affect poverty? • What international initiatives are there to fight poverty?
Interdisciplinary/STEM	Body Parts Health/Fitness History Historical Timelines Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we live a healthy lifestyle? How do others view a healthy lifestyle? • What impact do major historical events have on the lives of the people and the future of a country? • How are specific world events reflected on timelines in different cultures? • What Latin derivatives are present in modern biology and medical terminology? • How are Greek and Latin part of chemical symbols?

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Contemporary Life	Leisure Activities Housing Daily Routine School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How balanced is my lifestyle? • How do my activities define me? • How are my activities different from or similar to those in _____? • How do houses in the U.S. compare with housing in _____? • How is my school day similar to or different from the school day in the target culture? • What is a “good” education?
Communications and Media	Mail/Letters Radio/TV Movies Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we communicate with each other? • How does communication by Internet change our social habits? • What do my media habits say about me?
Career Connections	Professions (Careers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which professions are necessary for community life? • Which professions interest me? • How do I prepare myself for a profession? • In which professions would I utilize my language skills?