

Foreign Language Exploratory

FLEX A: Latin, Hindi, French

Grades:	4th - 6th
Prerequisites:	None; however, instructor recommends following or preceding this class with FLEX B to get the course in its entirety.
Day of Week:	Tuesday
Time of Class:	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET
Length of Class:	10 weeks
Semester:	Fall
Tuition:	\$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1 – Week of August 29

Week 2 – Week of September 5

Week 3 – Week of September 12

Week 4 – Week of September 19

Mid-Semester Break – Jewish High Holidays

Note: ALL the Jewish Holidays fall during the week this year and the way they hit there is an extra-long mid-semester break. Teachers will be giving a long-term project for students to work on during this time.

Week 5 – Week of October 24

Week 6 – Week of October 31

Week 7 – Week of November 6

Week 8 – Week of November 14

Week 9 – Week of November 28

Week 10 – Week of December 5

Make-Up Week – Week of December 12

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Description of the Class:

Our world is growing ever more connected. Students will have an advantage if they are able to nurture those connections through the understanding of foreign languages and cultures.

In this course, students will look at how ancient languages and cultures have influenced us today. They will be introduced to vocabulary in the Latin, Hindi, and French languages as well as ways to study these new words.

They will learn about common language concepts such as the formality and gender of words and the use of different alphabets and sounds.

As a combination of foreign language and social studies, this course gives students a chance to sample a variety of languages before choosing a focus as well as providing bridges to understanding the world at large.

The instructor recommends following (or preceding) this course with FLEX B, in which the students will continue their explorations with German, Spanish and Japanese languages and cultures.

Class Approach:

Ms. Rachel believes this introduction to the study of foreign languages and cultures should be fun!

Along with learning greetings and other vocabulary we will have lots of hands-on craft projects, and students will be encouraged to earn the World Connections through Cuisine Award! YUM!

Goals:

1. Students will be introduced to the reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills needed to study foreign languages and cultures.
2. Students will strengthen writing and speaking skills in English.
3. Students will explore a variety of foreign languages before possibly choosing one on which to focus on later in their schooling.
4. Students will respect both similarities and differences between multiple cultures and languages.

Textbook:

Viewpoints Workbook – Provided with Registration.
It will be mailed to you by Ms. Rachel.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

Basic craft supplies, including:

- Coloring Utensils: pencils, crayons, markers, or gel pens
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape

Additionally, Ms. Rachel will be mailing a kit with specialty craft supplies.

Requirements:

Along with short weekly assignments, students will also be expected to complete three open-note quizzes and give two short presentations to the class.

Weekly Homework:

Approximately 30 minutes per week

Homework Policy:

Homework is due 24 hours before the next class

Additional Policies:

Optional: Students will have the opportunity to earn the *World Connections through Cuisine Award*, which encourages exploration of traditional foods from a variety of regions around the world. Allergy-friendly!

Evaluation:

Final semester grade will be an average of weekly assignments, quizzes, and presentations.

Grading Scale:

90 – 100%	A
80 – 90 %	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69 %	D
0 – 59%	F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Topic
Week 1	Globe Project, Intro to Roman Empire
Week 2	Reasons to Study Latin, Latin Vocab Flip Book
Week 3	Latin Number Words, Mythology Reports, Create a Tile Mosaic
Week 4	Hindi Greetings, The Formality and Gender of Words
Week 5	Diwali, Make a Lantern
Week 6	Hindi Numbers and Alphabet
Week 7	French Cuisine
Week 8	French Greetings and Numbers
Week 9	The Louvre
Week 10	Country Presentations, Make a Bûche de Noël