

VIEWPOINTS;

Foreign Language & Culture Exploratory B

German, Spanish, Japanese

Grades: 4th - 6th

Prerequisites: None, however...

** being comfortable with writing and speaking in English is helpful*

** instructor recommends preceding or following this class with Viewpoints A to get the course in its entirety*

Day of Week: Monday

Time of Class: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ET

Length of Class: 10 weeks

Semester: Winter 2024

Tuition: \$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of January 8

Week 2: Week of January 15

Week 3: Week of January 22

Week 4: Week of January 29

Week 5: Week of February 5

Week 6: Week of February 12

Week 7: Week of February 19

Week 8: Week of February 26

Week 9: Week of March 4

Week 10: Week of March 11

Make-Up Days: Week of March 18

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Description of 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 German, Spanish, and Japanese languages as well as to 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 preceding (or following) this course with Viewpoints A in which students will continue their explorations with the Latin, Hindi, and French 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 later in their schooling
4. Students will respect both similarities and differences between multiple cultures and languages

Textbook:

The *Viewpoints* workbook, made by the instructor and provided with registration

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- Basic craft supplies including coloring utensils (i.e. colored pencils or markers), scissors, glue or tape
- Upon registration students will be mailed the instructor-made *Viewpoints* workbook as well as 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 of homework per week

Homework Policy:

Homework assignments are due 24 hours before the next class

Additional Policies:

Optional bonus: 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 course grade will be an average of weekly assignments, quizzes, and presentations. Accommodations may be made upon request. Families may choose to assign letter grades to the percentages based on the instructor's grading scale suggestion.

Grading Scale:

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

0-59% = F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Winter

Week	Topic
Week 1	Our World, Foreign Languages in English
Week 2	German Greetings and Courtesies
Week 3	German Numbers and Days of the Week, German Culture with the Animaniacs
Week 4	German Weather, Gender of Words, German Book Craft
Week 5	Spanish Greetings, Formality of Words, Cultural Blending of Latin America
Week 6	Spanish Numbers, Colors, and Parts of the Body
Week 7	Latin American Culture Presentations, Make an Ojo de Dios
Week 8	Japanese Foods and Alphabets
Week 9	Japanese Colors, Numbers, and Greetings

Week

Topic

Week 10

Make a Cherry Blossom Card, Anime, and Final Country Presentations
