

VIEWPOINTS:
Foreign Language & Culture Exploratory
Latin, Hindi, French

Grades: 4th - 6th
Prerequisites: None, however...
* *being comfortable with writing and speaking in English is helpful*
* *instructor recommends following or preceding this class with Viewpoints B 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: Fall
Tuition: \$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of September 11

Week 2: Week of September 18

No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays

Week 3: Week of October 9

Week 4: Week of October 16

Week 5: Week of October 23

Week 6: Week of October 30

Week 7: Week of November 6

Week 8: Week of November 13

No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays

Week 9: Week of November 27

Week 10: Week of December 4

Make-Up Days: Week of December 11

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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 Latin, Hindi, and French 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 following (or preceding) this course with Viewpoints B in which students will continue their explorations with the 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 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, crayons 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:

Fall 2023

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

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Week 8	French Greetings and Numbers
Week 9	The Louvre
Week 10	Country Presentations, Make a Bûche de Noël