



Core French 5-12 – Big Ideas

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5	 Listening and viewing with intent helps us begin to understand French. Both verbal and non-verbal cues contribute meaning in language. Reciprocal communication in French is possible using high-frequency vocabulary and sentence structures. (Grades 5-6) 	 Stories help us to acquire language. With simple French, we can describe ourselves and our interests. 	Each culture has traditions and ways of celebrating.
6	 Listening and viewing with intent helps us understand French. Using various strategies helps us understand and acquire language. (Grades 6-7) Reciprocal communication in French is possible using high-frequency vocabulary and sentence structures. (Grades 5-6) 	 Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us. (Grades 6-7, Introductory 11) With simple French, we can describe others and their interests. 	Learning about Francophone communities helps us develop cultural awareness.
7	 Listening and viewing with intent helps us increase our understanding of French. Using various strategies helps us understand and acquire language. (Grades 6-7) Reciprocal interactions are possible even with limited French. 	 Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us. (Grades 6-7, Introductory 11) With simple French, we can discuss our interests. 	Deepening our knowledge of Francophone communities helps us develop cultural awareness.
8	 Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of French. (Grades 8-10, Introductory 11) We can express ourselves and talk about the world around us in French. With increasing fluency in French, we can participate more actively in reciprocal interactions. 	We can share our experiences and perspectives through stories.	 We can experience authentic Francophone cultures through creative works. Our understanding of culture is influenced by the languages we speak and the communities with which we engage.

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	9	 Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of French (Grades 8-10, Introductory 11). We can have meaningful conversations in French about things that are important to us. 	We can share our experiences and perspectives through stories.	 Francophone creative works are expressions of Francophone cultures. Acquiring French provides opportunities to explore our own cultural identity from a new perspective.
1	10	 Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of French. (Grades 8-10, Introductory 11) Expressing ourselves and engaging in conversation in French involves courage, risk taking, and perseverance. 		 Cultural expression can take many different forms. Acquiring French allows us to interact with the Francophone world. Acquiring a new language can shape our perspective and identity. Acquiring French allows us to explore diverse opportunities.
1	11	 Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition of French. The communicative context determines how we express ourselves. 		 Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression promotes greater understanding of our own cultural identity. Acquiring French provides a unique opportunity to access and interact with the Francophone world. Language and culture are interconnected and shape our perspective, identity, and voice. Developing proficiency in French provides diverse opportunities.

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Introductory 11	 Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of French. (Grades 8-10, Introductory 11) We can have meaningful conversations in French using high-frequency vocabulary and sentence structures. Expressing ourselves in French involves courage, risk taking, and perseverance. 	Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us. (Grades 6-7, Introductory 11)	 Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression allows us to experience and appreciate cultural diversity. Acquiring French provides opportunities to explore our own identity and shape our perspective.
12	 Language learning is a lifelong process. With increased proficiency in French, we can discuss and justify opinions with nuance and clarity. 		 Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression promotes a greater understanding and appreciation of cultures worldwide. Appreciation of Francophone cultures allows us to understand and explore global issues with greater awareness. Sharing our feelings, opinions, and beliefs in French enhances our identity as French speakers. Becoming more proficient in French allows us to explore diverse opportunities.

