

A Cultural Approach to Intermediate French

Vista Higher Learning is proud to present *Perspectives*, a new French program for levels 4 and 5 that offers a unique focus on the cultural perspectives of the French-speaking world by embedding cultural products and practices into every aspect of instruction. *Perspectives* teaches students to communicate inside and outside the classroom with competence and understanding in the target culture.

Perspectives is built to develop students' intercultural communication skills according to the latest ACTFL World-Readiness Standards. Intercultural communication is a complex activity that combines cross-cultural knowledge and language skills. It involves initiating, understanding, and responding to what is communicated, using culturally appropriate language and behavior in a given context.

Documentaire Film Collection

Fully integrated with the student text, *Documentaire* features films from around the francophone world. The films are a central feature of the lesson, providing new thematic vocabulary as well as opportunities to review and recycle vocabulary, and previewing and contextualizing the grammar.

These films also offer opportunities to build listening comprehension skills, and they encourage students to reflect on cultural perspectives and make comparisons with their own culture.

A Focus on Intercultural Understanding

In every lesson, students are presented with five Lesson Objectives and associated *Je peux...* statements. These objectives correlate to the Interpretive, Interpersonal, Presentational and Intercultural modes of communication.

A new Intercultural Reflection Tool, available in Instructor Resources, guides students through the process of using French to reflect on the values of francophone culture.

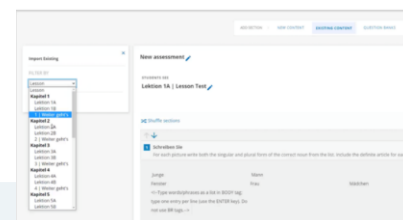
Authentic Materials

- 10 *Documentaire* authentic videos
- 30 video clips featured in the *Article avec vidéoclips* reading
- 10 audio pieces in *À L'écoute*, including radio shows and podcasts
- 10 authentic articles written for French speakers, with audio-sync technology on the Supersite
- 10 literary readings, with audio-sync technology on the Supersite



Cultural Readings

Perspectives features two types of cultural readings. The *Article authentique* is an authentic text related to the lesson theme. The new *Article avec vidéoclips* leveled article includes supporting authentic video clips & a new Supersite activity with alternating text and video clips.



NEW!

Assessment Builder with Randomization

This new tool allows instructors to leverage existing quiz, test and exam content from any lesson to create new, customized assessments.

With the fully randomizable assessment program, each student can receive the same test organized differently, ensuring a higher degree of academic integrity.