

AP French Language and Culture Themes

Themes, Recommended Contexts, and Overarching Essential Questions

Theme: Global Challenges / *Les défis mondiaux*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Diversity Issues / *La tolérance*
 - Economic Issues / *L'économie*
 - Environmental Issues / *L'environnement*
 - Health Issues / *La santé*
 - Human Rights / *Les droits de l'être humain*
 - Nutrition and Food Safety / *L'alimentation*
 - Peace and War / *La paix et la guerre*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - What environmental, political, and social issues propose challenges to societies throughout the world?
 - What are the origins of those issues?
 - What are possible solutions to those challenges?

Theme: Science and Technology / *La science et la technologie*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Current Research Topics / *La recherche et ses nouvelles frontières*
 - Discoveries and Inventions / *Les découvertes et les inventions*
 - Ethical Questions / *Les choix moraux*
 - Future Technologies / *L'avenir de la technologie*
 - Intellectual Property / *La propriété intellectuelle*
 - The New Media / *Les nouveaux moyens de communication*
 - Social Impact of Technology / *La technologie et ses effets sur la société*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - How do developments in science and technology affect our lives?
 - What factors have driven innovation and discovery in the fields of science and technology?
 - What role does ethics play in scientific advancement?

Theme: Contemporary Life / *La vie contemporaine*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Advertising and Marketing / *La publicité et le marketing*
 - Education / *L'éducation et l'enseignement*
 - Holidays and Celebrations / *Les fêtes*
 - Housing and Shelter / *Le logement*
 - Leisure and Sports / *Les loisirs et le sport*
 - Professions / *Le monde du travail*
 - Rites of Passage / *Les rites de passage*
 - Travel / *Les voyages*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - How do societies and individuals define quality of life?

- How is contemporary life influenced by cultural products, practices, and perspectives?
- What are the challenges of contemporary life?

Theme: Personal and Public Identities / *La quête de soi*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Alienation and Assimilation / *L'aliénation et l'assimilation*
 - Beliefs and Values / *Les croyances et les systèmes de valeurs*
 - Gender and Sexuality / *La sexualité*
 - Language and Identity / *L'identité linguistique*
 - Multiculturalism / *Le pluriculturalisme*
 - Nationalism and Patriotism / *Le nationalisme et le patriotisme*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - How are aspects of identity expressed in various situations?
 - How do language and culture influence identity?
 - How does one's identity develop over time?

Theme: Families and Communities / *La famille et la communauté*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Age and Class / *Les rapports sociaux*
 - Childhood and Adolescence / *L'enfance et l'adolescence*
 - Citizenship / *La citoyenneté*
 - Customs and Ceremonies / *Les coutumes*
 - Family Structures / *La famille*
 - Friendship and Love / *L'amitié et l'amour*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - What constitutes a family in different societies?
 - How do individuals contribute to the well-being of communities?
 - How do the roles that families and communities assume differ in societies around the world?

Theme: Beauty and Aesthetics / *L'esthétique*

- Recommended Contexts:
 - Architecture / *L'architecture*
 - Contributions to World Artistic Heritage / *Le patrimoine*
 - Ideals of Beauty / *Le beau*
 - Literature / *Les arts littéraires*
 - Performing Arts / *Les arts du spectacle*
 - Visual Arts / *Les arts visuels*
- Overarching Essential Questions:
 - How are perceptions of beauty and creativity established?
 - How do ideals of beauty and aesthetics influence daily life?
 - How do the arts both challenge and reflect cultural perspectives?