

Novels as Curriculum

Capybaras, Sloths, Picasso, Cuban rafters, Day of the Dead, Quinceañera, Caribbean Pirates, Medieval Spain

El capibara con botas

Novice-mid



AP Unit: Personal Identity: Self-Image
Sub-Topic: Global

Challenges: Deforestation

Essential question: What makes each animal and person special?

Cultural Content: Animals of South America and their habitat, geography and geographical features of Ecuador, city vs. jungle, deforestation, water cycle



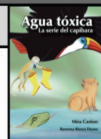
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Core Verbs: tiene, es, está, dice, habla, nada, puede, camina, ve, quiere, corre, va, salta, toma

Spanish 1 present tense

Agua tóxica

Novice-mid



AP Unit: Personal Identity: Acceptance

Sub-Topic: Global

Challenges: Environmental Issues

Essential question: When is it better to be yourself rather than fit in with a group?

Cultural Content: South American geography, Peru, animals of the Amazon, balancing petroleum extraction, overproduction of plastics, deforestation, and pollution

Core Verbs: es, está, tienen, salta, dice, ve, vuela, puede, hay, toma, le gusta, le tira, quiere, corre, nada, puedes, va

50 words

La perezosa impaciente

Novice-mid



AP Unit: Personal Identity: Self-Image

Sub-Topic: Global

Challenges: Environmental Issues/ Wildlife trade

Essential question: How do I best accept who I am and who others are?

Cultural Content: South American animals, Colombian geography, coffee culture, salsa music, town fiestas, Jeeps, motorcycles

Core Verbs: Quiere ser, vive, toma, tiene, ir, puede, caminar, ve, camina, tengo, vamos/van, corre, agarra, tira, hay, bailan

70 words

Agentes secretos y el mural de Picasso

Novice-high



AP Unit: Beauty and Aesthetics:

Visual Arts

Sub-Topics: Global Challenges: Peace and War;

Contemporary Life: Celebrations

Essential Question:

What is the value of creativity?

Cultural Content: Picasso's Guernica, Spanish Civil War, Francisco Franco, Barcelona, Parque Güell, Las Ramblas, Pamplona, Running of the Bulls, bullfights, hangouts of Pablo Picasso, cafés, Spear of Destiny and the cult of holy relics, secret agents

Core Verbs: está, habla, quiere, tiene, son/eres, hay, escucha, escribe, dice, vamos/va, se llama, le pega, camina, ve, mira, corre, toma, se cae, se levanta

100 words

El escape cubano

Novice-high, first-person



AP Unit: Personal Identity:

National and Ethnic Identities

Sub-Topic: Global Challenges: Economic Issues

Essential question: How do my surroundings influence who I am and what I fear?

Cultural Content: Cuban lifestyle, Communism and Socialism, economics and politics, geography, history, US-Cuban relations, Havana, balseros/ rafters, classic cars, music/dance, food

Core Verbs: Abrazo, agarro, bailar, baja, canta, habla con, jugamos, dice, llueve, me da miedo, grita, me gusta, puedo creer, ver, quiero ir, pregunta, hacer, quieres ir, sabe, se llama, se queda, soy, sube, te vas, tengo, tiene, vamos, veo, vov. sé

140 words