Spanish Essential Questions & Enduring Understandings

Spanish Enduring Understandings

1. Communicating in at least one other language allows people to obtain information, express feelings and exchange opinions with a wider audience.

2. Interpreting spoken language is essential to good communication and building rapport.

3. Making interdisciplinary connections as one reads, writes, speaks, or listens in another language allows one to acquire knowledge, reinforce concepts, and gain new perspectives.

4. Written language is essential to good communication.

5. Comparing English with other languages is important to understanding the nature of language.

6. One reads to acquire knowledge and understanding and to gain new perspectives.

7. Gaining knowledge about and empathizing with other peoples and cultures leads to a more tolerant society.

8. Learning another language encourages further participation in multilingual communities both within and beyond the school setting.

9. Communicating in at least one other language helps to gain knowledge of other cultures.

10. Cultural comparisons help the students understand that language is a tool that can be used to communicate with others and can contribute to future jobs.

11. Foreign Language learning extends beyond the classroom to real-life situations.


13. Languages are distinguished by their grammar and structure.

14. Formality and informality play a significant role in Spanish?

15. A foundation of conversation & writing are essential to mastering Spanish.

16. Nouns, adjectives, and articles in Spanish are gender and number specific

17. Most Spanish verbs follow patterns. Some Spanish verbs do not follow a pattern.
Spanish Essential Questions

1. What are the benefits to being able to communicate in another language?
2. How are words, phrases & sentences different and similar in English and the target language.
3. How well can a person interact with a native speaker in the target language?
4. How does one express preferences, feelings, emotions, and opinions in detail in the target language?
5. What is considered polite and/or impolite behavior in the two cultures?
6. What are typical pastimes in the foreign culture? How are they similar or different from those in America?
7. What celebrations do the two cultures share and which ones do they not share? What traditions have influenced the English-speaking world?
8. Are there settlements and geographical evidence in the U.S. that point to the foreign country?
9. How does the study of language help to improve global relations.
10. How will I respond to what I hear and interpret what I read in Spanish?
11. How do practiced conversations and presentations help me become a better speaker and writer in Spanish?
12. How will my knowledge of English grammar help me understand Spanish Grammar?
13. What is it like growing up in a Spanish speaking country?

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