World Languages French II Unit 2: Consumer Society

Essential Understandings	 Language enables communication. Language is inextricably linked to culture. Western languages have certain structural similarities
Essential Questions	 What are the trends in French consumer habits since WWII? How do consumer habits reflect cultural values?
Essential Knowledge	 France is a "first" world country with a high standard of living. Consumer habits change as a result of the worldwide economy.
Vocabulary	 <u>Terms</u>: Clothing, shopping in department stores, cars and driving, irregular adjectives, comparative and superlative adjectives, negative constructions, formal and informal question forms, verbs voir, croire, lire, dire, écrire, conduire
Essential Skills	 Identify, describe and shop for clothing. State color and size preference. Express opinions and make observations. Describe and compare people and things using certain adjectives. Talk about cars and driving habits. Use appropriate vocabulary to purchase gas and basic car service. Ask questions formally and informally.
Related Maine Learning Results	 World Languages A. Communication A1. Interpersonal Students express their own thoughts and opinions about familiar topics and elicit the thoughts and opinions of others by using strings of sentences and/or short paragraphs. Students of modern languages use pronunciation and intonation which would be comprehensible to a native speaker accustomed to interacting with language learners. a. Interact in a variety of social situations including formal and informal personal exchanges and/or phone inquiries. b. Provide and exchange detailed information on familiar topics, orally and in writing. d. Express agreement and disagreement, orally and in writing, supporting opinions with simple reasoning.

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	A4. Language Comparisons Students use their understanding of the nature of language to
	enhance their communication in the target language.
	a. Compare a variety of grammatical structures and syntax
	between languages.
	b. Identify examples of vocabulary in both languages that do
	not translate directly from one language to another.
	c. Use idiomatic expressions and/or proverbs in the target
	language.
	d. Identify examples of vocabulary (in English and the target
	language) that convey different meanings in different
	contexts.
	B. Culture
	B1. Practice and Perspectives Students identify and explain how perspectives of a culture(s)
	are related to cultural practices of a culture(s) in which the target
	language is spoken
	a. Identify and explain the reason behind significant practices
	of a culture(s) in which the target language is spoken.
	 Describe stereotypes associated with perspectives of a
	culture(s) in which the target language is spoken.
Related	c. Identify differences in cultural practices among peoples that
Maine Learning Results	speak the same language.
Results	B3. Comparison with Own Culture Students explain how products, practices, and perspectives of a
	culture(s) in which the target language is spoken contribute to
	the culture in which the student lives.
	b. Explain the reasons for a variety of similarities and
	differences between the culture in which the student lives
	and the culture(s) in which the target language is spoken.
	c. Use the target language in a manner that would be
	considered appropriate by native speakers and explains
	what makes it appropriate communication.
	C. Connections C1. Knowledge of Other Learning Results Content Areas
	Students use the target language to enhance their knowledge of
	other Learning Results content areas.
	a. Provide examples of grammatical knowledge acquired in the
	target language that are used to achieve a better
	understanding of grammatical structures in English.

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	D. Communities
	D1. Communities
Related	Students demonstrate their understanding an use their
Maine Learning	knowledge of the target language to communicate with target
Results	language speakers and to understand the importance of culture
	and language in the 21 st century.
	 Independently access a variety of target language sources
	for one's own entertainment or enrichment.
Sample	 Improvisational shopping situations
Lessons	 On-line "shopping spree" at French department store
And	 Simulated driving exam
Activities	
Sample	 Quizzes
Classroom	 Skits
Assessment	 Composition
Methods	 Listening comprehension
	Reading comprehension
	Publications:
Sample	 <u>Bienvenue</u> -McGraw-Hill textbook
Resources	Videos:
	o <u>Bienvenue</u>
	Other Materials:
	 Store catalogs
	o Brochures