Authentic Audiences... and Resources!

You're in class, you're trying to keep things in the target language and you want your students to “get it”. The pictures in the book and the manipulatives that have always worked just aren't helping your students connect with the target language and culture! We've all been there. Let the April Edition of the Teachers' Toolbox help you!

Take a virtual tour of your target culture!

Find 360° video tours & stunning panoramic photos of your target culture using Airpano. Your students can view the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany in their pursuit of fairy tale inspiration, see the tango straight from Argentina or even see the Yuanyang rice terraces of China while studying economic development. This is also a wonderful use of powerful images to get students and parents excited about going abroad!

The POWER of Infographics! Have you tried them?

Staying in the target language much easier if your students have graphics to help them have context for what you're sharing. You can go much farther by utilizing graphic representations of the material you are trying to present. Pinterest is a GREAT resource for finding infographics. Your students can create them too! Give them a try!!

Two from the field:

Are your students tired of Kahoot? Try Quizizz! Quizizz is very similar with a few distinct features. You can assign it as homework, it assigns the meme to students randomly & the answers are directly printed on the answer boxes. Try it out here before the window closes on 4/17/16!!

Don't have the time or $$ for a field trip? Try a virtual one! Use “Google's Tour Builder” to use a selection of photos in conjunction with Google Maps to build a global tour for wherever you want your students to go! Great for every language!!

Connect me... PLEASE!

In the last edition, I was seeking French teachers who wanted a partner school. Now I want to hear from ALL of you that want to make that international connection with a school abroad. I don’t have connections all over YET, but I will certainly try to help you connect! Just fill out this form to tell me where you're from and with whom you’d like to connect!

List of Indiana cities that have a Sister City

• https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sister_cities_in_the_United_States

IDOE has Memoranda of Understanding with:

Alsace Region, France
Taiwan
Zhejiang Province, China
Spain

Are you a Twitter user? Join me on Twitter @globalEDindiana to stay in touch with language learning and great ideas. You can screen shot the ones you love and revisit them before school starts! Truly language on the go!

Don’t forget... to connect with us at www.learningconnection.doe.in.gov for IDOE’s World Language & Cultures Community

Save these dates...

Global Crossroads Conference
June 20, 2016
“Connect, Engage, Exchange”

IFLTA Conference
November 3-5, 2016 (Indy)
“Working Locally, Reaching Globally”

Content News

If you missed the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in March, you can check out the handouts from many of the sessions here: https://www.pinterest.com/csctf1/cscfflfla-2016-presentations/

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