

	Netvibes Secondary Lesson Plan: Foreign Language
Objective	Each student will be able to better understand a foreign language and its countries' culture by reading news from the countries.
Learning Environment	The students will use the computer lab, the language classroom and, if necessary, their own personal computer.
Description of Students	The students involved in the project will be 11 th and 12 th grade students between the ages of 16 and 18 who are enrolled in an Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, or any other foreign language class offered by the school.
Standards	Indiana Academic Standards: Social Studies: Individuals, Society, and Culture Foreign Languages: Cultures: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures Standards 4 and 5 < http://www.evscschools.com/Uploads/Files/03e2304b-ec3c-47be-90a3-8cad2c55ed1.pdf >
Materials	Computer (Lab or Personal)
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will use the computer lab to access Netvibes and to create an account. They will personalize their page with current event widgets focused on their countries of interest. 2. Students will bring in any articles or news they find on their countries throughout the semester for discussion. 3. At the end of the semester, the students will compile all of their articles and news releases to create a summary about the country's changes in the past few months. <p>The paper will go as follows: After analyzing the information of the country, the student will write a 2-3 page paper as to how each country's economic status, government, social developments, etc. have changed over the past semester and why the student thinks that may have occurred or how it changes his or her perspective of the country. Use your selected graphs and articles to help develop your ideas for the paper, but do not hesitate to use extra information outside of these graphs and articles. The paper will be double-spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman.</p>

Evaluation	The students will be evaluated on the paper based on the rubric (handed to the students at the beginning of the semester) for a total of 150 pts
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