

#### **Curriculum Overview**

UNSERE

Unsere Geschichten is a web-based curriculum framework by Voces Digital that builds students' language proficiency and intercultural competency using the Comprehensible-Input approach to language acquisition, an approach that includes oral, written, and visual storytelling. Students enjoy fiction and nonfiction resources that explore German culture and delve into unique characters' lives. These resources also focus on and contextualize high-frequency vocabulary and grammar. The goal is for students to genuinely acquire the language and gain a deeper, more nuanced understanding of the culture.

### Each of the Unsere Geschichten units are based on AP® themes:



Families and Communities Beauty and Aesthetics

Contemporary Life

Science and Technology

Global Challenges

Personal and **Public Identities** 

The stories and articles within each unit explore one of these AP® themes, helping to build students' background knowledge of these topics and increasing their chance for success on the AP® German Language and Culture Exam.

## **Cultural Integration**

Vibrant cultural images of products, practices, and perspectives from the Germanspeaking world pique students' curiosity. Included activities teach students to notice cultural similarities and differences, draw conclusions, or make inferences about the evidence they see. With increased proficiency, students learn to ask questions and wonder about what life is like in other parts of the Germanspeaking world.



## **Building Proficiency**

*Unsere Geschichten* also includes real-world authentic texts (for native speakers, by native speakers) paired with communicative performance tasks that aim to increase students' proficiency in reading, listening, speaking, and writing. Each communicative task is matched to a Can-Do statement, where students can self-reflect and set personal goals on their road to higher levels of proficiency.

# **Tech Information**

Voces Digital takes cybersecurity seriously, so all student accounts are password protected. The teacher will provide a Class ID and unique User ID for each student to log in to Voces Digital.

Voces Digital works on all internet-enabled devices. To log in, go to www.VocesDigital.com using any of the recommended browsers shown below and click the green "Log In" button in the center of the screen. A window will then prompt you to input your Class ID and User ID.

#### **Recommended Browsers**







