

Alignment to North Carolina's World Language Essential Standards

Voces® *Nuestra historia* Level 4 ~ Unit 1

Nuestra historia Level 4 is an interactive, online curriculum framework with comprehensible-input and proficiency-based materials for intermediate-level learners. Level 4 will take your middle or high school students from an Intermediate-Mid through Intermediate-High levels of proficiency and beyond.

This standards-based, AP®-aligned program integrates stories, communicative tasks, and culture in a cohesive, all-in-one, and customizable format accessible to students and teachers from any device. *Nuestra historia* offers digital-blended learning opportunities for Spanish classes on a data-driven, interactive, and easy-to-use platform.

This document illustrates how the first unit in Level 4 aligns to North Carolina's World Language Essential Standards. If you have any questions, call 1-800-848-0256 or email info@vocesdigital.com.

Unidad 1: ¿Qué crees?			
Communication			
Interpersonal Communication: Person-to-Person Communication			
Interpersonal skills are used in informal, one-on-one or small group conversations. Students can ask for clarification when needed and negotiate with each other during the conversation. Most interpersonal communication involves everyday topics, like greetings, instructions, directions, current events, class discussions, news about family and friends, social events, requests for information, academic discourse, and so on.			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffiti de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Actividad 2: Este o el otro</i>	Writing	I can exchange emails about my and others' personal beliefs.
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	<i>Actividad 3: Habla con Carolina</i>	Speaking	I can have a conversation with someone I just met.
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	Interpersonal Writing: <i>Un encuentro inesperado</i>	Writing	I can write about an important community figure.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpersonal Writing	Writing	I can exchange emails about belief and identity. I can compare and contrast my cultural

			identity with that of another.
Interpretive Communication: Listening and Reading Interpretive skills involve receiving information in a situation where meaning cannot be negotiated. Students hear or see the message and respond based on their interpretation. These messages could be about any topic and come from a wide variety of sources and media: textbooks, newspapers, signs, websites, news broadcasts, television and radio programs, lectures, presentations-live and recorded, etc.			
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<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Actividad 2: Este o el otro</i>	Reading	I can read a story about neighborhood transformation.
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Actividad 2: Este o el otro</i>	Listening	I can understand and answer spoken questions about a story I have read.
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Actividad 3: Subtítulos</i>	Reading	I can select appropriate captions for pictures.
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Comuna 13 Graffiti Tour de Medellín</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about a city in Colombia.
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>El milagro de Joselito</i>	Reading	I can read an article about a family and its experiences.
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Miss Rizos</i>	Reading	I can read an article about a cultural figure.
<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	<i>Actividad 1: La mejor descripción</i>	Reading	I can read a story about cultural identity.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Artículos: La santería: ¿religión, cultura o identidad?</i>	Reading	I can read an article.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Biografía: Actividad 1: Orden cronológico</i>	Reading	I can read a biography.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	Dreaming Spanish with Pablo: <i>Machu Picchu</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about an ancient culture.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	Dreaming Spanish with Pablo: <i>El País Vasco</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about the history and culture of a region in Spain.

<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Presentación de Luis</i>	Listening	Learn about personal identity in Venezuela
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Palabritas</i>	Listening	Pay attention to the small words to increase your proficiency level
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Comprensión</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about someone's cultural identity.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Comparación cultural</i>	Listening	I can compare and contrast Venezuelan cultural identity with the cultural identity of my country, region, and/or people.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpretive Reading	Reading	I can understand a text about belief and identity.

Presentational Communication: Speaking and Writing

Presentational skills involve preparing information to be shared with an audience, either through speaking or writing. Students have time to draft, revise, and practice presentations that show their use of language. These presentations vary from somewhat informal, such as a quick report to the class on an article, to quite formal, which might be a culminating project involving a multimedia display with a speech.

Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Actividad 3: Una carta a la madre de Joselito</i>	Writing	I can write a personal letter.
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Presentational Speaking: El milagro de Joselito</i>	Speaking	I can prepare and give a speech for a debate.
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - escritura</i>	Speaking	Retell the class story
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffitiour de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - oral</i>	Speaking	Retell the class story
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - escritura</i>	Writing	Retell the class story
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - oral</i>	Speaking	Retell the class story
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - escritura</i>	Writing	Retell the class story

<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	<i>Nuestra historia - oral</i>	Speaking	Retell the class story
<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	<i>Actividad 3: Presentación</i>	Speaking	I can talk about cultural identity.
<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	<i>Actividad 4: Cuéntame la historia</i>	Writing	I can retell a story.
<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	<i>Presentational Speaking: La identidad es una cosa compleja</i>	Speaking	I can talk about public and private identities.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>PechaKucha: Artefactos y rituales en la religión</i>	Speaking	View and discuss religious rituals and artifacts in the Spanish-speaking community
<i>Revisión y evaluación</i>	<i>Cuéntanos una historia original</i>	Speaking	I can tell an original story.
<i>Revisión y evaluación</i>	<i>¡Mi historia original!</i>	Writing	I can write an original story.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Presentational Speaking	Speaking	I can talk about people's beliefs and identities, and explain how our identities are shaped by those beliefs.

Culture

Learning about culture means building an understanding of the practices, perspectives and products of a society. The practices involve patterns of social interactions, such as how people are greeted or how respect is shown. Perspectives are the values, beliefs, ideas, and attitudes that are an integral part of life. Products are the books, foods, laws, music, games, etc., that are created and used within the society.

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<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Joselito</i>	A boy takes his place in religious and political upheaval in 1920s Mexico.
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Versión alternativa: El milagro de Joselito</i>	A Mexican woman's Catholic faith is depicted as she pursues a miracle by a martyr.
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	<i>Un encuentro inesperado</i>	A young woman changes her mind about

		how to present her curly hair
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	<i>Versión alternativa: Todos pueden cambiar</i>	A middle-aged woman supports her daughter's decision about styling her hair, and follows suit herself.
<i>Historieta 3: Un encuentro inesperado</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Miss Rizos</i>	I can read an article about a cultural figure.
<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	<i>Historia larga: La guayabera</i>	A reading about the traditional shirt worn in Cuba
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Panorama: Un funeral en Chichicastenango, Guatemala</i>	I can make comparisons between cultural products and practices to help understand perspectives using a variety of complex sentences connected with transitions.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	PechaKucha: <i>Artefactos y rituales en la religión</i>	Religious artefacts and practices in Chile
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Comprensión</i>	I can understand a video about someone's cultural identity.

Connections to Language & Literacy – Comparisons

The world language being studied, referred to as the target language, helps students develop a greater understanding and insight into the nature of language and culture, including their native or first language. These comparisons, along with the three communication modes, blend together to focus students on language and literacy.

Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Historieta 1: El Graffiti de la Comuna 13</i>	<i>Nota de gramática</i>	Review of All the Tenses
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Nota de gramática</i>	Subjunctive vs. Indicative with Impersonal Expressions

Connections to Other Disciplines – Connections

Studying a world language involves making connections with other academic disciplines, formally and informally. Within the communication skills, the language arts of reading, writing, speaking, and

listening are utilized. As students learn about numbers and currency, mathematics and economics are included. All of social studies is part of culture, as are the arts, health, physical education, and science. Career and technical skills in these areas are also drawn on, and technology is woven throughout world languages as a resource for materials and a means of expression and presentation.

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<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Joselito</i>	A boy takes his place in religious and political upheaval in 1920s Mexico.
<i>Historieta 2: Joselito</i>	<i>Versión alternativa: El milagro de Joselito</i>	A Mexican woman's Catholic faith is depicted as she pursues a miracle by a martyr.
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Biografía: Bartolomé de las Casas</i>	A reading about a historical figure that fought for the rights of the indigenous populations in the Americas

Communities

Students preparing for success in the 21st Century need to access knowledge and information from other communities, and use that information to function well with people from diverse backgrounds.

Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>¡Extra! ¡Extra!</i>	<i>Entrevista: Comparación cultural</i>	Identifying symbols of local and national identity

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