

Alignment to North Carolina's World Language Essential Standards

Voces® *Unsere Geschichten* ~ Stufe 2 ~ Einheit 1

Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 2 is an interactive German curriculum framework that was created based on the principles of Acquisition-Driven Instruction and Comprehensible Input. This framework includes the vocabulary, themes, stories, and activities you need to create your custom German curriculum. *Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 2* will take your students through a Novice-Mid level of proficiency and beyond. The standards-based, online program integrates communication and culture in a cohesive, all-in-one format accessible to students and teachers from any device.

This document illustrates how unit one in *Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 2* aligns to North Carolina's World Language Essential Standards. If you have any questions, call 1-800-848-0256 or email info@vocesdigital.com.

Einheit 1: Reisen und Freizeit			
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>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	Interpersonal Writing: <i>SMS aus Deutschland</i>	Writing	I can communicate information about a famous city in Germany.
<i>Geschichte: In der Jugendherberge</i>	Interpersonal Speaking: <i>In der Jugendherberge</i>	Speaking	I can talk and ask questions about what a youth hostel has to offer.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpersonal Speaking	Speaking	I can talk about what there is to see and do in Leipzig.
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, presentation—live and recorded, etc.			
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<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Lückentext</i>	Reading	I can read a story about a Tourist Information Office.

<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>München in 5 Minuten</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about the city of Munich.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Eine Reise nach Mallorca</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Was stimmt?</i>	Reading	I can read a story about packing for a trip to Mallorca.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Eine Reise nach Mallorca</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Das Konzertposter</i>	Reading	I can understand a concert poster.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Überraschung!</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Korrigiere die Sätze!</i>	Reading	I can read a story about two friends surprising each other.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 4: Auf dem Weg zum Café</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Noch ein Problem!</i>	Reading	I can read a story about a girl trying to get to a café.
<i>Geschichte: In der Jugendherberge</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Neue Perspektive</i>	Reading	I can read a story about staying in youth hostels.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Interview: Gabriel</i>	Listening	I can understand what someone says about their hometown.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpretive Reading	Reading	I can read a document about places to visit and things to do in Leipzig.

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>Kurzgeschichte 3: Überraschung!</i>	Presentational Speaking: <i>Die Stadt München</i>	Speaking	I can talk about the famous historical and cultural sites in Munich.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 4: Auf dem Weg zum Café</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Erzähl die Geschichte!</i>	Speaking	I can tell a story about a girl trying to get to a café.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 4: Auf dem Weg zum Café</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>Die Jugendherberge</i>	Writing	I can write about youth hostels in Germany.
<i>Geschichte: In der Jugendherberge</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Erzähl die Geschichte!</i>	Speaking	I can tell a story about staying in youth hostels.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Panorama: Westerland auf der Insel Sylt</i>	Writing	I can write about a panorama of a seaside resort in Germany.
End-of-Unit Review and Assessment	<i>Meine originelle Geschichte!</i>	Writing	I can write an original story.
End-of-Unit Review and Assessment	<i>Erzähle uns eine originelle Geschichte!</i>	Speaking	I can tell an original story.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Presentational Writing	Writing	I can write a postcard about my trip to Leipzig.

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>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>München in 5 Minuten</i>	I can understand a video about the city of Munich.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Die Welt in Fotos: Eine Jugendherberge</i>	I can compare travel accommodations in my city and in Germany.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpretive Reading	I can read a document about places to visit and things to do in Leipzig.

Connections to Language & Literacy – Comparisons

The world language being studied, referred to as the target language, helps students develop a great 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>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Story vocabulary
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Eine Reise nach Mallorca</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Story vocabulary
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Eine Reise nach Mallorca</i>	<i>Grammatik-Tipp!:</i> Going to + prepositions	Using prepositions
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Überraschung!</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Story vocabulary
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Überraschung!</i>	<i>Grammatik-Tipp!:</i> Perfekt	Present tense and the present perfect
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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.

Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
Essential Question Connection		How does travel influence our worldview? What are the challenges of contemporary life? How do language and culture define identity?
<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: In der Touristeninformation</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Lückentext</i>	Interpret a map
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Überraschung!</i>	Presentational Speaking: <i>Die Stadt München</i>	I can talk about the famous historical and cultural sites in Munich.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Die Welt in Fotos: Eine Jugendherberge</i>	I can compare travel accommodations in my city and in Germany.
Communities Students preparing for success in the 21 st 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>In meiner Lebenswelt</i>		I can use the German language both within and beyond my classroom to interact and collaborate in my community and the globalized world.

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