

Upcoming Trainings, Webinars, and Events

Oct. 22—[Webinar: Implementing the World and Native Language Standards in a K-12 Classroom](#) 1.5 hours

We are the world

Even though many of us are still stuck at home, teaching from home, or have some of our students from home, it is an important time to connect globally. This increased global connection can help our students realize there is more out there worth celebrating and to not get mired down with the pandemic. Here are some ideas to help [increase global](#) and [cultural awareness](#) online...

- Research your target language country to avoid blanket statements—invite guest speakers
- Brainstorm cultural connections and comparisons using themes like the [U.N Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- Compile authentic resources—look to Pinterest, YouTube, or [LyricsTraining](#)
- Create relationships across the globe—[PenPal Schools](#), [ePals.com](#)

Chinese Resources

Here are some new [Chinese teaching resources](#) to spice up your lessons and bring new life into your classroom. These resources include a grammar checker, podcasts, and culture resources.

DLI Instructional Strategies and Resource Links

Hispanic Heritage Month

Beginning the middle of September, Hispanic Heritage month is a great way to focus on cultural competencies. Even if you do not teach Spanish, it is a good reminder to always include culture as you teach your target language. Also while these references listed below are for Spanish, take a moment to see if you can adapt them to your target language or perhaps relate and compare them to the target language you are teaching, or to students of Hispanic heritage in your classes. Here are 10 ideas to celebrate the month from [Srta. Spanish's article on school-wide celebrations](#):

1. Invite Spanish speaking students (think along the lines of your Spanish club) to volunteer in the community. Or invite Spanish speaking members of the community to volunteer with students or in the school.
2. Play Spanish music during passing periods—[Mundo de Pepita](#), [La Profe Plotts](#)
3. Plan and host a Wax Museum event, where students dress up as a person they studied.
4. Organize a food truck day of cultural and ethnic foods.
5. Play a movie after school. [Here](#) are some good G and PG options.
6. Play trivia, this you can do online with Google Forms, and play with teachers.
7. Create a school-wide music bracket
8. Make announcements over the loud speaker of famous Hispanics. Or do a door decorating contest featuring contributions of famous Hispanics.
9. Make a mural in your school.
10. Highlight books and Hispanic culture in your school library/media center.

[PBS Streaming Videos on Hispanic Heritage](#) [Novels and Short Stories on Hispanic on Heritage](#) [Digital Hispanic Heritage Activities](#)

Inclusion in Online Teaching

Keeping in mind inclusion when we teach online can be extremely helpful not just to students that you know may need the assistance, but also to all of our students. Using tools like [Immersive Reader](#) and [Flipgrid](#) can help close the gap helping all students learn better in these alternative environments.

Some suggestions to as you plan are to be mindful of presentation and design—think about how students are going to access the materials, what materials they actually need, and how they can be supported. Also advocate for representation in materials—examine the materials you use to makes sure they are inclusive of all students. Providing students with choices are another way to have your students meet their language learning goals. Read the article [here](#) for more details.

And lastly [incorporating a little ASL into your lessons](#) can be a huge benefit to students online through nonverbal communication to focus their attention, enhance social and emotional connections, provide support, increase student willingness to turn on webcams.

[Tips for Converting Lessons to Digital/Hybrid Plans](#)