

World and Native Languages Newsletter



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Got Kids??

With schools and students in and out, engagement still is a big issue for most classes. Here are some fun [icebreakers](#) to get kids interested. Also try some of these [strategies](#) to [engage students virtually](#).

- Video optional discussions
- Inner/outer circle activities
- Choice boards
- Alternate formats you use to engage your students
- Spider web discussions
- Use chat to check for understanding
- Show and tell with a cultural twist

ARABIC GUEST SPEAKERS

Día de los Muertos

National Museum of Mexican Art has [virtual tours](#). Take a look at this [PBS short film](#). Try one of these [activities](#).

Native American Heritage Month

This month offers a great chance to focus on culture. While our standards require that culture is an integral part of language learning, some months over others give us a chance to make comparisons we normally wouldn't be able to. Here are some resources you can use in your classrooms.

First use a [video](#) to compare indigenous cooking with cooking in your target language country. Another great place to look for lessons (Spanish mostly) but for lesson ideas is the National Museum of the American Indian. Their [NativeKnowledge 360](#) website offers a variety of lessons K-12 that will hit multiple standards in many content areas. Use a lesson from here and tie to indigenous peoples in a target language country for comparison. Here is a [great lesson](#) on a Native American Perspective of Thanksgiving.

Literacy and Language Webinars

CERCLL has announced a fantastic webinar series of [3 webinars](#) all devoted to literacy and language learning in the classroom. These 90 minute webinars are on Saturdays and taught by extraordinary scholars. The topics covered are storytelling and scaffolding, multimodal pedagogies, and writing instruction using the design approach. The webinars are free and they do offer professional development credit if you attend.

Fulbright-Hays Travel Opportunities

Here are the offerings for next year:

[K-8 to Iceland](#)

[9-12 to Morocco](#)

[K-12 to Central Asia](#)

Save the Date

- AZLA Café [December 4th](#)
- AZLA [Spring Workshop](#) 2/20—2 sessions (1—DLI, 1—WL, more information to come)

ELECTION FUN

Monster Needs Your Vote is a fantastic elementary book that talks about voting and the importance of it. I got this from a colleague where students from the University of Minnesota Law School and their Students Voting Program read the book in multiple languages. The videos are "unlisted" so that means that you need the link to find them. Hyperlinks didn't work, but you can copy and paste these links to get the video to play.
English Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1ZRReX2hxY&t=6s>
Spanish Version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWoxikuQ_Kk
German Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dqeygxry9o>
Mandarin Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlwWGk6pXGQ>
French Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJPLWm95xrA>
Somali Version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XucOUjUfP_M&feature=youtu.be

Looking for books for Spanish heritage or immersion classes? Check out Global Citizen's list [here](#).

Need Money?

National Geographic is offering \$1,000—\$8,000 of grants to teachers to help educators teach remotely. Click [here](#) for details to apply.

MORE ELECTION FUN

Get students involved in the election by [creating political meme](#). CASLS has a terrific lesson for intermediate and advanced learners on creating and analyzing political memes. Even if you don't teach a higher language level, check out their lesson on October 19th.