

**World Languages
French IV
Unit 2: Africa**

Essential Understandings	▪ Language enables communication. ▪ Language is inextricably linked to culture. ▪ Western languages have certain structural similarities ▪ France is part of a larger community; the EC
Essential Questions	▪ Which countries in Africa are francophone, and why? ▪ What is the relationship between France and the African francophone countries? ▪ What are the linguistic differences between French in France and in francophone countries of Africa? ▪ How are compound tenses used to explain past and conditional events? ▪ Si tu vas en Afrique où iras-tu?
Essential Knowledge	▪ France's situation in Africa is a result of colonization. ▪ France continues to influence Africa through language and culture. ▪ North Africans influence immigration practices in France. ▪ The formation of compound tenses expands one's ability to express oneself.
Vocabulary	▪ <u>Terms:</u> ○ geography, food, history
Essential Skills	▪ Read short stories to increase reading comprehension skills. ▪ Improve auditory comprehension. ▪ Analyze contemporary contributions of north Africans (music).
Related Maine Learning Results	<u>World Languages</u> A. Communication A2. Interpretive Students comprehend conversations, narratives, and recorded material in familiar contexts that are longer and/or more complex than those in the 6-8 span. c. Identify main ideas, topics, and specific information in authentic oral/signed materials. B. Culture B1. Practice and Perspectives Students identify and explain how perspectives of a culture(s) are related to cultural practices of a culture(s) in which the target language is spoken a. Identify and explain the reason behind significant practices of a culture(s) in which the target language is spoken. B2. Products and Perspectives Students explain how political structures, historical artifacts, literature, and/or visual and performing arts reflect the perspectives of a culture(s) in which the target language is spoken.

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Sample Lessons And Activities	▪ tv5.org 7 jours sur la planete ▪ Francophone interviews, University of Wisconsin ▪ Contes et legends francophones ▪ Rap music MC Solaar

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	▪ Quizzes ▪ Skits ▪ Composition ▪ Listening comprehension ▪ Reading comprehension ▪ Games
Sample Resources	▪ <u>Publications:</u> ○ <u>Breaking the French Barrier pps. 67-74</u> ○ <u>Schaum's Communicating in Language</u> ▪ <u>Other Resources:</u> ○ <u>MUSIC CD FROM EMBASSY</u> ○ <u>Images Un: chapitre 15: Gabon</u>