Nostra Storia

Curriculum Overview

Nostra storia is a web-based curriculum framework by Voces Digital that builds students' language proficiency and intercultural competency using the Comprehensible-Input approach to language acquisition, an approach that includes oral, written, and visual storytelling. Students enjoy fiction and nonfiction resources that explore Italian culture and delve into unique characters' lives. These resources also focus on and contextualize high-frequency vocabulary and grammar. The goal is for students to genuinely acquire the language and gain a deeper, more nuanced understanding of the culture.

Each of the *Nostra storia* units are based on AP® themes:

Families and Communities	Beauty and Aesthetics	Contemporary Life	Science and Technology	Global Challenges	Personal and Public Identities

The stories and articles within each unit explore one of these AP® themes, helping to build students' background knowledge of these topics and increasing their chance for success on the AP® Italian Language and Culture Exam.

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Cultural Integration

Vibrant cultural images of products, practices, and perspectives from the Italian-speaking world pique students' curiosity. Included activities teach students to notice cultural similarities and differences, draw conclusions, or make inferences about the evidence they see. With increased proficiency, students learn to ask questions and wonder about what life is like in other parts of the Italian-speaking world.

Building Proficiency

Nostra storia also includes real-world authentic texts (for native speakers, by native speakers) paired with communicative performance tasks that aim to increase students' proficiency in reading, listening, speaking, and writing. Each communicative task is matched to a Can-Do statement, where students can self-reflect and set personal goals on their road to higher levels of proficiency.

I can understand questions about fashion and shopping in Milan.
I can talk about shopping and fashion in Milan.
I can compare malls and shopping culture in Italy to where I live.

Look at the picture and read the description. Then answer the questions below.

Descrizione: Questa è la Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II a Milano. La Galleria è un *centro commerciale* con negozi di alta moda come Prada e Versace. Ci sono *anche* alcuni *ristoranti* nella Galleria. Ogni giorno, molti turisti *vengono a vedere* questa bellissima galleria.

Tech Information

Voces Digital takes cybersecurity seriously, so all student accounts are password protected. The teacher will provide a Class ID and unique User ID for each student to log in to Voces Digital.

Voces Digital works on all internet-enabled devices. To log in, go to www.VocesDigital.com using any of the recommended browsers shown below and click the green "Log In" button in the center of the screen. A window will then prompt you to input your Class ID and User ID.

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