Lifestyles and Societies

- Contemporary lifestyles
  - Food
    - Traditional dishes and specialties
    - Regional specialties
  - Meals
    - Eating habits: l’entrée; le plat principal; la salade; le fromage; le dessert
    - Times and names of the three main meals;
  - Customs
    - Meeting people
    - Greeting people
    - Behavior in public places
  - Body language
    - Common gestures and their meanings
  - Holidays
    - Religious holidays
      - Pâques
      - Pentecôte
      - l’Ascension
      - la Toussaint
      - Noël
    - Public holidays
      - la Fête nationale (le 14 juillet)
      - la Fête du Travail (le 1er mai)
  - Family relationships
    - Families and their homes
    - Relationships with people outside the family
    - Summer vocations
  - Educations
    - School system
    - Higher education
  - Regional variations

Sociolinguistic Elements of French

- Customary usage of certain words or expressions in specific situations, such as vous as opposed to tu
- Use of colloquial language
- Idiomatic expressions; common sayings; proverbs
Literature and the Arts

- Major works and authors of the literature of France and other French-speaking countries, including

  - Medieval literature
    - *La chanson de Roland*
    - *Troubadours*
  - 16th-18th-century French literature
    - Rabelais
    - Corneille
    - Racine
    - Molière
    - Madame de Sévigné
    - La Bruyère
    - *L'Encyclopédie*
    - Montesquieu
    - Voltaire
    - Rousseau
    - Beaumarchais
  - 19th-20th-century French and Francophone literature
    - Chateaubriand
    - Lamartine
    - Victor Hugo
    - Balzac
    - Baudelaire
    - Verlaine
    - Rimbaud
    - Mallarmé
    - Mauriac
    - Marcel Proust
    - Colette
    - Simone de Beauvoir
    - Léopold Senghor
    - Louis Aragon
    - Albert Camus
    - Jean-Paul Sartre
    - André Gide
    - Jean Cocteau
    - Ionesco
    - Saint-Exupéry

- Significant figures, works, and events in the arts
  - Traditional teacher
    - Molière
    - *La Comédie-Française*
  - Music
- Popular: Georges Brassens, Jacques Brel
- Classical: Lully, Berlioz, Debussy

- Art and Architecture
  - Painting: Delacroix, Monet, Van Gogh, Matisse
  - Sculpture: Rodin
  - Architecture: Romanesque, Gothic, Contemporary

- Film
  - *La Nouvelle Vague*: Truffaut, Godard

- Popular Culture
  - *Comics*: La Bande Dessinée

- Dance
  - Regional traditions
  - *Ballet de l'Opéra*

### History

- The contributions of French culture to North America
  - Louisiana
  - Québec

- Landmark contributions of French-speaking people to the history, economy, political life, and culture of the United States, including the role of France
  - During the colonial period
  - During the American Revolution
  - During the First and Second World Wars
  - In Vietnam

- The most important events and principal historic figures of France and other French-speaking countries
  - Gaulle and the Roman Empire
  - Charlemagne
  - Medieval France and the Crusades
  - Joan of Arc
  - Louis XIV
  - Louis XVI
  - French and Indian War
  - French Revolution
  - Napoléon
  - French colonial period
    - Canada
    - Louisiana
    - Africa
    - Asia
  - First World War
  - Second World War
  - Charles de Gaulle
• Contemporary world politics and economics affecting France
  ➢ Role of major French political parties
    ▪ Election and voting
  ➢ Organization of the government in France
  ➢ La francophonie
  ➢ Relations with other EU countries
  ➢ Immigration issues in France
  ➢ French economy, business, and industry
    ▪ Fashion
    ▪ Perfumes
    ▪ Food
    ▪ Cosmetics
    ▪ Tourism

Geography

• Locating France and other French-speaking regions and countries
  ➢ Continental France
  ➢ DOM-TOM
  ➢ Francophone Africa
  ➢ Francophone Asia
• Identifying major geographical features of France and French-speaking countries
  ➢ Rivers
  ➢ Mountains
  ➢ Regions
  ➢ Major cities