Grammar Lesson Plan – Emily Franceschini

“French Prepositions with Countries”

*Grade Level: Five*

*Connection to Resource Package for Core French 5-12:*

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| **Grade 5 - Communicating** | It is expected that students will:   * Ask and respond to simple questions * Identify greetings and expressions of politeness * Communicate likes, dislikes, wants, and needs * Respond to classroom instructions |

*Materials:*

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| Teacher: | Students: |
| * Chalkboard and chalk * Chart of prepositions (and magnets) * Class set of papers (each with a country written on it with appropriate definite article) | * Paper and pencil * Paper with a particular country written on it |

*Purpose/Instructional Aims:*

By the end of this lesson, students will improve their ability to…

* Use correct prepositions with countries
* Ask and answer the question, “Òu allez-vous, en vacances?” (“Where are you going on holiday?”)

1. Teacher explains that in order to know which preposition to use with a country, you must know the country’s gender (masculine or feminine). Most countries that end in an ‘e’ are feminine and the rest are masculine. However, there are some exceptions; such as, le Belize, le Zimbabwe…etc.
2. Display chart for students:

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| **Country is:** | **To or In:** | **From:** |
| Masculine and starts with a consonant | au | du |
| Masculine and starts with a vowel | en | d’ |
| Feminine | en | de / d’ |
| Plural | aux | des |

1. Explain activity to students:

“Today we are going to practice asking and answering this question: ‘Òu allez-vous, en vacances?’ which means ‘Where are you going on holiday?’. Since we are talking about going somewhere, which column will we find our answers in? (The ‘to or in’ column.) I am going give you each a square of paper. On this paper will be a country (le, la, or les will be included). You need to complete the sentence “Je vais \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” which means “I am going \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. After you have written your sentence on the square of paper, turn to the person sitting next to you. Practice asking and answering the question together.”

\*Teacher will write sample conversation on the board:

Òu allez-vous, en vacances?

Je vais en France.

1. Students each receive a square of paper, write their own sentence and practice conversing with a partner.