Unlocking the Potential of Italian Culture Instruction



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language as the form of a culture

- Grammar agreement in gender and number
- Elegance in form coordination
- Assonance in sound
- Harmony in patterns
- Language as form and sound coordination
- Voices and shapes of a culture

culture around us

- Art and design
- The clothes we wear
- The cars we drive
- Food arrangements, flavors, colors, shapes
- Home decorations
- Landscapes and streetscapes
- Music and dance

The sleeping giant ...

- galleries and museums
- streets, squares, stores
- photos, house ornaments
- time and place
- taste and style

... and our creative energy

- Visual literacy
- Culture and everyday reality
- Characters
- Locations
- Emotions
- People
- Sights and sounds

Turned into spoken and written language

A day in your life

- Walk through the day: the culture you see, hear, touch, smell, like, dislike
- The soundscape of culture
- The culture dealer
- From my window
- Colorful journeys
- Introductions through culture

The dynamic nature of culture

- Time traveler
- Olden days
- Through the years
- Before and after
- Assembling and editing collages of cultural items

Language and Culture

Language as expression of a culture

Culture as manifestation of a language