

Class: Foreign Language for Everyone

Teacher: Joseph McKenna

Film: "Le petit Nicolas"

Activity: Comparing and contrasting French schools with American schools.

(Note: The film will be shown in 20 minute increments on block schedule days. Before and after viewing the episodes of the film, there will a student led discussion concerning plot and characters, as well as citing examples of similarities and differences between French and American cultures.)

During the film, students will write down on the left side of the paper all examples of cultural similarities that they find in the film. On the right side students will make a list of cultural differences that they observe. These cultural observations will include examples of similarities and differences in schools, academic subjects, family life, friendship, etc.

After viewing the film, students will write a one paragraph, 100 words or more opinion on whether French and American schools and school life are more similar than different, or different than similar. Students will cite examples from their lists to support their opinions.

The opinions will be graded upon their list of examples, as well as their writing skills, level of argument, and use of supporting evidence.