

UNIT TOPIC: History, Art, Culture of Italy (Pre-Italy Choir/Band trip lessons)

Lesson #	Topic	Objectives	Materials	Activities	Formative Assessment
1	Italian Language and Culture	Students speak basic Italian phrases Students gain an understanding of Italian culture/traditions	-Italian phrase book -Lonely Planet Italy Guide Book	-Listen/Repeat Italian words, basic pronunciation -Discuss significant Italian traditions and characteristic cultural aspects	Informal- basic conversation in pairs
2	Italian Anthem	Students will learn words and melody to Italian National Anthem	-sheet music pronunciation guide anthem recording	-Listen to the anthem -Listen/Repeat words with accurate pronunciation -Learn the music	Formal- perform the anthem at the beginning of each class as an ensemble
3	Venice	Students identify Venetian culture/lifestyle and famous landmarks and their histories	-Lonely Planet Italy Book -Art Books -Vivaldi (CD or YouTube)	-Discuss the history, architecture, and famous landmarks of Venice -Play Vivaldi music -Show pictures of landmarks	Informal- Discussion in pairs about places to see and why, and what they find interesting about Venice
4	Florence	Students will list facts about Florence and famous landmarks	-Lonely Planet Italy Guide Book -Art Books	-Discuss the famous art in Florence, along with the history and famous landmarks -Show pictures of landmarks, famous art	Informal - Group questions and answer about art and architecture and facts about Florence
5	Siena	Students will learn about Siena's history, famous Duomo and horse race	Lonely Planet Italy Book - horse race video -Duomo pictures	-Discuss the history of Siena, the Duomo and traditions. -Show videos of horse races -Pictures of the medieval city and the Duomo	Informal - Small group discussion about Siena, and what makes it different than every other city
6	Rome	Students will learn about the Roman history, landmarks, and culture and Vatican	Pictures of landmarks, Vatican Ancient Rome/Roman Mythology bks	-Discuss briefly Roman history/mythology -Discuss/show pictures of famous landmarks in Rome -Pictures of the Vatican	Informal - Group discussion about the landmarks, and vote on what they want to see during 4 days in Rome
7	Assisi	Students will identify historical facts about Assisi, importance of St. Francis to this city	-Lonely Plant Italy Book -Photos St. Francis of Assisi church	-Discuss the history of Assisi -Discuss the importance of St. Francis, and legacy -Show pictures of city, church	Formal- Test about information learned about the five cities on the itinerary

