

Le Coin de la Francophonie:



Focus on: Le Maghreb.

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Along the steamy, sultry Mediterranean, at the northern crest of Africa, lie three culturally diverse francophone countries, **Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco**. Each beckons us to explore the myriad facets of its history, culture and current political environment.

Le Coin de la Francophonie, featured in each issue of our newsletter, *le Réverbère*, will entice you and your students to explore, and learn about the Francophone world through adaptable lesson plans and fascinating sites, categorized by theme. Each feature will offer you a focus on a different corner of la Francophonie.

In my teaching, I am intentional to emphasize the Francophone world, encouraging my students to explore, appreciate and embrace these *other* spheres of French. The lesson plans that I will be sharing with you, beginning here today, are easily adaptable to different formats and to different levels of learners.

I encourage you to contact me freely at lecoindelafrancophonie@gmail.com with questions and comments.

Here is an adaptation of a class presentation program that I use for a full year level IV non-advanced course; it is designed to be low-key and success oriented, to inspire students to *want to* explore, discover and share. You can adapt it to use as a unit, where you would want to dedicate two or three weeks. The instructions are explained in French for this immersion style course. Click on the link below to view the lesson plans:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XdHupx0DevwUrB3RYaxChC7G0oOFyJpfQVme6Z5gecU/edit>

Many of the sites that I have selected are geared to you, the educator; the more in-depth our understanding of the Francophone world, the better prepared we are to teach it to our students.

Bonne exploration!

Interested in Info? Here you will find factual data; this is a point of departure.

- ❖ Tunisia
 - ❖ <http://www.semide.tn/tunisie.htm>
- ❖ Algeria
 - ❖ http://www.laroutedusahara.com/Presentation-generale-et-info-pratiques-sur-l-Algerie_a10.html
- ❖ Morocco
 - ❖ <http://www.mariage-franco-marocain.net/article-informations-generale-sur-le-maroc-carte-d-identite-du-maroc-47655663.html>
 - ❖ <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/maroc/presentation-du-maroc/>

Hungry for History? These sites present the French colonial period and stages to independence

Tunisia

- ❖ <http://www.dorffer-patrick.com/article-la-tunisie-colonie-francaise-de-1881-a-1956-101803230.html>
- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dM0ULafLmd4>

Algérie

- ❖ <http://etudescoloniales.canalblog.com/archives/2012/02/05/23449242.html>

Morocco (focus on the role of women in Moroccan society)

- ❖ <http://www.recherches-internationales.fr/RI77/RI77-hayat-zerari.pdf>

Craving Culture? Here you can explore the arts, live radio and tv, cuisine, architecture and more ...

- ❖ Tunisia
 - ❖ <http://www.bonjour-tunisie.com/>
- ❖ Algeria
 - ❖ http://www.lexpressiondz.com/chroniques/analyses_du_professeur_chitour/160106-comme-nt-l-algerie-peut-y-contribuer.html
 - ❖ <http://www.ggrandguillaume.fr/titre.php?recordID=45>
- ❖ Morocco
 - <http://www.presse-marocaine.fr/quotidien-marocain-en-francais.html>
 - <http://www.ambafrance-ma.org/-Cooperation->

Passionate for Politics? This rubrique presents sites on the current political scene...

- ❖ Tunisia
 - <http://www.leaders.com.tn/article/11215-les-partis-politiques-reunis-ce-lundi-a-carthage-l-ultime-sursaut>
 - <http://www.tunisienumerique.com/actualite-tunisie/politique>
 - <http://kapitalis.com/tunisie/category/politique/>

❖ **Algeria**

- <http://www.jeuneafrique.com/pays/algerie/>
- <http://www.interieur.gov.dz/Dynamics/frmlitem.aspx?html=207&s=1>
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❖ **Morocco**

- <http://www.medias24.com/NATION/POLITIQUE/160622-2016-pour-le-Maroc-opportunités-risques-et-vigilance.html>
- http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2015/09/06/maroc-la-progression-des-islamistes-est-un-serieux-probleme-pour-la-monarchie_4747355_3212.html
- <http://www.maroc.ma/fr/content/annuaire-des-partis-politiques>

Caught on Controversy ? Explore problematic situations in today's society...

❖ **Tunisia**

- <http://www.panapress.com/La-presse-en-Tunisie-se-focalise-sur-les-problemes-sociaux-dans-le-pays--12-630455353-68-lang1-index.html>

❖ **Algeria**

- <http://www.algerie-focus.com/2015/12/133192/>

❖ **Morocco**

- <http://lavieeco.com/news/debat-chroniques/enjeux-et-defis-du-maroc-pour-la-prochaine-decennie-2eme-partie-21133.html>
- http://www.huffpostmaghreb.com/2016/01/06/internautes-marocains-lancent-petitions-contre-blocage-appels-whatsapp-skype_n_8921498.html

Bon voyage!

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credits.

symbole of l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/27/Flag_of_La_Francophonie.svg/225px-Flag_of_La_Francophonie.svg.png

map of Maghreb:

https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTQ3zyvCM4o4OuU8bbnxfasDuBxwMnoVdfBlj_v3irEHYaYt4m8