

Spanning the globe with Learn360

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As both a French and Geography teacher at LA Matheson Secondary School, I wear a number of hats in the classroom. Whether teaching about rocks and minerals or verb tenses and literacy, I'm constantly seeking fun and interactive outside resources to keep students engaged. My recent use of Learn360, an interactive media-on-demand service for the K-12 classroom, has helped me find relevant and timely resources for Geography and French.

With a diverse library of high-quality educational videos to choose from, Learn360 makes it easier than ever to integrate visual aids into all lesson plans. Beyond the benefits of such a wide selection across all subjects, this media-on-demand solution offers titles that are new, relevant and fun—an absolute must when it comes to keeping hands raised and enthusiasm levels high. Truthfully, most of the videos I previously depended on were simply outdated!

Learn360 has been especially helpful for my Geography classes, a subject where concepts can be difficult to convey through a lecture alone. For example, teaching about Divergent Plate Boundaries was challenging, as they're not something students can see and we're far from the west coast. After a few quick Learn360 videos, students had questions, comments and a genuine interest in what they'd just seen. A topic that had previously generated a sea of blank stares was now an exciting visual journey outside of classroom walls.

Learn360 has added a wonderful new verbal element to my French classroom as well. Being closely involved in LA Matheson's literacy initiative, I'm always looking for video content that students can relate to across cultural boundaries. Learn360's French episodes of Franklin and the Berenstain Bears certainly got students talking! There's little chance that mundane literacy concepts could have garnered as much enthusiasm in book form.

With such a fun, accessible medium, I've been able to introduce, review and enhance students' understanding of topics while also connecting lessons to critical real-world issues. Learn360's visual aids help instill a sense of empathy in my students by connecting classroom lessons with what's happening on the news. I've been able to expose my students to parts of the world that they would otherwise not see.

Leveraging the features of Learn360 into my lesson plans has been a simple and enjoyable process. It's actually fun to make playlists that save my favorite videos—and a relief to know that they'll all be saved in one simple spot! The lesson planning process is cut in half for future semesters. For added convenience, many videos come with lesson plans and resources already linked and ready for immediate use. The search bar easily helps me narrow video content by grade level, topic and subject area, which saves time when I'm not certain what I'm looking to find.



The teachers at LA Matheson love sharing a single resource spanning all subject areas. It's a tool that I'd pass along to other teachers and parents—while always picking up new tips from other users along the way. By fully integrating video technology into my geography and French classrooms, Learn360 has ignited a larger conversation amongst teachers, parents and students alike.