2014 Instructional Material Summer Review Institute

Grade 9-12: English Language Arts; Reading; CORE Reading Intervention; Modern, Classical and Native Languages

**Review Team Appraisal of Title – Modern, Classical and Native Languages**

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| Text Title: | Discovering French Today – Blanc | Grade Level: | 9-12 |
| Course: | French 2 | SE ISBN: | 9780547871974 |
| Publisher: | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt | TE ISBN: | 9780547871837 |

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| **SECTION 1 – Modern, Classical and Native Languages Standards** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. #7 TOTAL 175 2. # 8 TOTAL 170 3. # 9 TOTAL 165  Average Score: 170  Review Team Assessment of material’s compliance with Section 1:  NMAC requirements (1-7): Adhered to the NMAC requirements. Easily referenced.  Content (8-13): Very good exercises, readings and portfolio assessments. Culturally rich. Interlude sections provide for deeper reading. Unhappy with inaccuracies of Tour de France coverage.  Equity and Accessibility (14-16): Durable. Navigation of digital format frustrating. Content of textbook is available online.  Assessment (17-20): Good progression. Formative and summative assessment opportunities throughout.  Organization and Presentation (21-25): Easy to follow, interactive. Teacher support is weak. Well organized. “Et vous” is a nice exercise. Could use more exercise models.  Instructional Design and Support (26-28): Publisher provided digital content and technical specifications for digital platforms. Assistance is available (Rubric Maker). Some digital components correspond to a different textbook series and do not correspond to the content in Discovering French Level 2.  Communication, Cultures, Connection and Comparisons/Communities (29-37): Dense in communication practice. The opportunities for students to engage in speaking activities is present. Interdisciplinary connections are not as strong. |
| **SECTION 2 – Other Criteria** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2.A Total: 1. #7 TOTAL 101 2. #8 TOTAL 106 3. #9 TOTAL 100  Average Score: 102.3  Student Edition (38-45): Some Pre-AP strategies available. Reprise of Level 1 review appropriate and useful. Many text-heavy pages, however, pages are colorful and inviting.  Teacher Edition (46-52): Resources for all but teaching strategies could be improved. Well-developed exercises. Provides key items for successful use of text.  Construction and Design of Materials (53-56): Some updates have been seriously neglected and are inaccurate. – ex. Tour de France “winner” Lance Armstrong, selection of Celebrities featured. Terms are antiquated ex. Boom-box. |
| **Reviewer Comments** |
| **Reviewer #: 7** Reviewer Background: High School French 9-12 Instructor  Comments World variety is fair and balanced. Paired activities are good. Several relevant higher-order thinking activities included. Interlude reading sections are charming.  **Reviewer #: 8** Reviewer Background: High School French & Spanish 9-12 Instructor  Comments: Well-presented ACTFL 5Cs present; presentation of être and être expressions. Tips on verbs.  **Reviewer #: 9** Reviewer Background: High School French & Spanish 9-12 Instructor  Comments: Textbook has a very colorful and inviting presentation. Readings are interesting and engaging. However, videos provided are dated (1980s), additional online videos are from a different series of books. This may cause confusion for new teachers. |