



Les Batons Francais



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| Australian Curriculum Intercultural Understanding Guide Key Areas |
| Recognising culture and developing respect |
| Reflecting on intercultural experiences and taking responsibility |
| Interacting and empathising with others |

Objective

Learn about some French cultural references from the “Les Batons Francaise” incursion.

Resources

Computers with access to wifi

Cuisine Lyonnaise

The city of Lyon is famous for its traditional cuisine. In Lyon restaurants serving traditional food are called “bouchons”. These restaurants emerged after small inns in Lyon were visited by silk workers passing through in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The name is believed to come from an expression for a bunch of twisted straw. However, more commonly ‘bouchon’ means cork, stopper and traffic jam. Below are some typical dishes that found on a menus at bouchons:

Cervelle de Canut – cheese spread/dip but literally means ‘silk workers brain’

Salade Lyonnaise - Bacon, poached egg, lettuce and tomato

Andouillette - Pork offal sausage

Quenelles - Fish dumplings



Activity Prep – Year 2

- Ask students to describe some of their favourite savoury foods
- Display a map of France and show student where Lyon is
- Describe the above dishes from Lyon to students
- Ask them to think of similar dishes they know of

Activity Year 3 - 6

- Look at a map of France online with the class and ask groups of 4 – 7 students to research the food, activities and culture of a region or city.
- Get them to put together a 5-minute PowerPoint presentation about traditional food, activities and culture of the area. Some regions that can be used: Rhône-Alpes, Provence, Bretagne, Pays Basque, Alsace, Midi Pyrénées, Languedoc Roussillon, Haute Normandie, Pays de la Loire.

French Theatre

“Les Trois Mousquetaires” or “The Three Musketeers” is a story by French novelist Alexandre Dumas. Set in the 17th century, it features a young man named d’Artagnan who leaves home with to become a guard to the musketeers. The musketeers Athos, Porthos and Aramis are inseparable friends and who live by the famous motto ‘tous pour un, un pour tous’ (one for all and all for one).

Activity Prep – Year 2

- Ask the class to say “one for all and all for one” and discuss what it means, linking to The Three Musketeers story.
- In groups of 4-7, students create a short scene to act out that features this idea

Activity Year 3 - 6

- Ask students to search online for information about Moliere, The Three Musketeers, or Cyrano de Bergerac and have a class discussion about findings
- Choose one of the following films to watch in French with either English or French subtitles: Les Trois Mousquetaires, Cyrano de Bergerac or Moliere. Ask the class to write a short film review on the chosen film