

AP/IB themes comparison chart

AP themes	IB themes
Six themes-all required	Core themes: Core themes-required: Paper 1, Written assignment, Interactive oral activity
<p>Personal and Public Identities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are aspects of identity expressed in various situations? • How do language and culture influence identity? • How does one's identity develop over time? <p>Possible contexts include: Alienation and Assimilation; Beliefs and Values; Gender and Sexuality; Language and Identity; Multiculturalism; Nationalism and Patriotism</p>	<p>Social relationships: <i>How people interrelate and behave as members of a community, individually and in groups.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: language and identity, minorities, multilingualism, nationalism, relationships, religious and non-religious celebrations, social and political structures and groups, social behaviors and stances, taboos and what is socially acceptable.</p>
<p>Contemporary Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do societies and individuals define quality of life? • How is contemporary life influenced by cultural products, practices, and perspectives? • What are the challenges of contemporary life? <p>Possible contexts include: Advertising and Marketing; Education; Holidays and Celebrations; Housing and Shelter; Leisure and Sports; Professions; Rites of Passage; Travel</p>	<p>Communication and media: <i>How people interact, transmit and gather data for the purposes of information and entertainment.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: include advertising, bias in media, censorship, and sensationalism in media.</p>
<p>Global challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What environmental, political, and social issues propose challenges to societies throughout the world? • What are the origins of those issues? • What are possible solutions to those challenges? <p>Possible contexts include: Diversity Issues, Economic Issues, Environmental Issues, Health Issues, Human Rights, Nutrition and Food Safety, Peace and War</p>	<p>Global issues aspects: <i>Current matters and things to come that have an impact at a regional, national and/or international level, bearing in mind that they need to be addressed from the perspective of the target culture.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: energy, food and water, climate change, natural disasters, globalization, migration, poverty and famine, racism, the environment and sustainability.</p>
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<p>Beauty and Aesthetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are perceptions of beauty and creativity established? • How do ideals of beauty and aesthetics influence daily life? • How do the arts both challenge and reflect cultural perspectives? <p>Possible contexts include: Architecture; Contributions to World Artistic Heritage; Ideals of Beauty; Literature; Music; Performing Art; Visual Arts</p>	<p>Health aspects: <i>Physical, mental and social well-being as well as matters related to illnesses</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: concepts of beauty and health, diet and nutrition, epidemics, symptoms of good/ill health, traditional and alternative medicine.</p>
<p>Families and Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a family in different societies? • How do individuals contribute to the well-being of communities? • How do the roles that families and communities assume differ in societies around the world? <p>Possible contexts include: Age and Class; Childhood and Adolescence; Citizenship; Customs and Ceremonies; Family Structures; Friendship and Love</p>	<p>Customs and Traditions aspects: <i>The current and past practices, representations, expressions and knowledge that belong to a community of the target language.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: celebrations, social and religious events, dress codes, uniforms, fashion, food, historical events, arts.</p>
<p>Science and technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do developments in science and technology affect our lives? • What factors have driven innovation and discovery in the fields of science and technology? • What role does ethics play in scientific advancement? <p>Possible contexts include: Current Research Topics; Discoveries and Inventions; Ethical Questions; Future Technologies; Intellectual Property; The New Media; Social Impact of Technology</p>	<p>Science and technology aspects: <i>The relationship between science and technology and their impact on a community.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: include ethics and science, ethics and technology, impact of IT on society, natural sciences, renewable energy, scientific research, social sciences.</p>
	<p>Cultural diversity aspects: <i>The ethnic, gender, racial, ideological and socioeconomic varieties within a community of the target language.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: beliefs, values and norms, culinary heritage, how culture is learned, assimilation, language diversity, migration, population diversity, concepts of beauty.</p>
	<p>Leisure aspects: <i>The variety of activities performed for enjoyment.</i></p> <p>Possible contexts include: entertainment, games, and social interaction through leisure, sports, traveling.</p>

