



## Sparkenthusiasm Newsletter September 2014 Edition

Happy autumn to all! Here are some ideas and resources you may use to get your students motivated and back in the swing of language learning! We have created some **new** materials! Take a look!



First, we are highlighting a Spanish-speaking country every other week. Students are given a map of the Spanish-speaking world at the beginning of the year. Then, they read cultural information, learn a song and a cheer from the country, and listen to presentations and/or read stories from the country. We sang *Pura Vida* (Don Omar – Costa Rica) the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school, *No Tengo Dinero* (Maffio – Dominican Republic) last week, and will learn *Bailando* by Enrique Iglesias next week when we focus on Spain. We have created a 195 page music unit with Spanish-speaking countries maps, biographical information about popular Hispanic artists, and awesome comprehension activities and cloze activities that go along with all of the songs. Artists included are Enrique Iglesias, Shakira, Prince Royce, Camila, Pitbull, Chino y Nacho, Chayanne, Don Omar, Marc Anthony, Jesse y Joy, Ricky Martin, and many others. There are also songs from *Una Aventura Congelada* (Frozen) and other great cultural movies. **Here is the link:** <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Spanish-Music-Songs-Hispanic-Singers-and-Countries-Unit-195-pages-1416595>

**Here is the link for the dance videos to teach your students:** [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/hispanic\\_dances.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/hispanic_dances.html)

**\*\*\*We updated our movies page to include all of the movies we now show.**



To introduce our immigration unit to level 3 and 4 AP students, we will show *A Better Life*.

**\*\*\*Una Vida Mejor – A poignant story about a father who gets deported from the US. This movie teaches so much about immigration and family relationships as well as other cultural elements.**

Check out all of the songs and videos on our site that show the challenges faced by illegal immigrants and see inspiring stories about the Dream Act. [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/una\\_vida\\_mejor.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/una_vida_mejor.html)

Here is the link to watch the trailers and see the numerous resources we have for all of the movies that our students LOVE! ♥ [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/popular\\_movies.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/popular_movies.html)



Another **free** resource to use in level 3, 4, or 5 is this touching video that perfectly coincides with a unit about the importance of education/kindness/making a difference in the world.

We created comprehension questions to go along with the video and to go along with related articles about the video and the award-winning video creator.

[http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/cuerdas\\_inspirational\\_video.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/cuerdas_inspirational_video.html)



**\*\*\*We are having a sale from September 7th-10th** and have discounted many products in our store. Here is the link to view all of our products and to see our sale items: <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Sparkenthusiasm>



All the best to you in your teaching endeavors!

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