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A Multi-media Approach to Building Listening and Speaking Skills in the Context of Cultural Competency

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High Impact Fellows Project Overview

Project Title, Course Name, Grade Level

A Multi-media Approach to Building Listening and Speaking Skills in the Context of Cultural Competency

German 3, Grades 11 & 12

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Brief Description of Project

Students at Spartanburg High School recently received Apple MacBooks for use in the classroom. The goal of this project was to come up with short supplementary materials using this new technology to build German listening and speaking skills, as well as cultural competency. The hope was that incorporating technology would hold the interest of the students and provide new opportunities for instruction for the teacher. It was also hoped that the activities created would bring German culture to life for the students. The activities are divided into 4 sections: Nachrichten, Lieder, Jojo sucht das Glück, and Films & Märchen. Each folder contains an information page explaining the contents.

List of Materials Required and Costs

Mac Book Air resource book: \$20

Multi-regional DVD player to play German movies: \$58

Training: 2 hour one-on-one IT training to use Mac Book Air and recording system: \$100

Prizes and incentives for German high school students: \$20

5 DVDs in German, 4 of which have English subtitles: \$85

Grammar review books for teacher's classroom use; resources for quizzes and review sheets: \$77