



Saludos



Sparkenthusiasm Newsletter April 2012 Edition

We have recently presented several workshops and presentations throughout the Midwestern United States. We have enjoyed meeting so many dynamic language teachers who have inspired us to continue sharing new ideas, games, video links, music, and other resources in each newsletter. Please email us at sparkenthusiasm@gmail.com if you have ideas or resources to share.

Many teachers are teaching the preterit versus the imperfect at this time of year, so here is a link to our site that has songs/videos such as Camila's «Mientes» as well as songs/videos by J-Lo and Enrique Iglesias that use a lot of past tense verbs. There are many other creative ideas teachers can use to teach these two past tenses on our site, also. http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/the_past_tense.html



Easter and Cinco de Mayo are two holidays that you may be planning to teach soon or would like to enhance lessons for before next year, so if you need teaching materials, bulletin boards, Power Points, or activities, visit these links:



<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/EasterHoly-Week-Las-PascuasSemana-Santa-Power-Point>

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Easter-Las-Pascuas-Holy-Week-Semana-Santa-Activity-Packet>



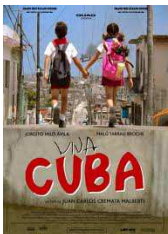
<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Complete-Spanish-Cinco-de-Mayo-Games-and-Vocabulary-Unit>

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Cinco-de-Mayo-Spanish-Power-Point-31-Slides>

There are 2 activities that teachers can use with intermediate through advanced students on the second page of this newsletter. They are warm-up activities that include comprehension questions from the Hunger Games trailer and from a brief video about an adorable and talented new musical group from Mexico called Vásquez Sounds.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHhYFW29ifc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJfljDPKITg&feature=related>



***Viva Cuba!* is a great movie to show to all levels of Spanish students. We plan to first teach our students about Cuba and to highlight issues such as Operación Pedro Pan.**

Then, students will watch the movie, which includes beautiful music, scenery, and cultural elements from Cuba. On our site, there are free Cuba Power points, animotos, related cultural videos, as well as links to watch the trailer, purchase the movie packet, and find the movie.

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/viva_cuba.html

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Viva-Cuba-Movie-Packet-and-Cuba-Unit-in-Spanish>

All the best to you in your teaching endeavors!

Hasta pronto

Amy Haney and Kathleen Acosta

www.sparkenthusiasm.com

Me llamo _____.

LA ACTIVIDAD DE LOS JUEGOS DEL HAMBRE

1. Esta película está basada en la épica _____.
2. Los juegos cambiarán _____.
3. Ha llegado la hora de seleccionar a un valiente y a una valiente que tendrán _____ de representar al distrito 12.
4. Que la suerte _____ de vuestra parte.
5. ¿Cuándo se estrena la película? _____.

¡Que la suerte esté siempre, siempre de vuestra parte!

LA ACTIVIDAD DE LOS HERMANOS VÁZQUEZ

1. La cantante dice que decidió grabar esta canción porque

_____.
2. ¿Cómo se siente el hermano menor sobre las reacciones de mucha gente acerca de su canción? _____
_____.
3. ¿Cómo son similares los Vázquez Sounds y Justin Bieber?
_____.
4. ¿Dónde tuvo lugar la entrevista entre el periodista y los hermanos?
_____.