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LESSON PLAN**GREEN IMPULSES FROM VALJEVO***Attachment to nature in lifestyles and traditions of Valjevo***Aims**

- increase motivation of students by involving them in film making
- develop listening and speaking confidence and improve other skills
- encourage communication between groups of students and teachers
- preserve one's own culture and present it to other regions

Chapter 1 Yule Log

This is a film about celebrating Christmas in a village close to the town of Valjevo. In Serbia, Christmas is celebrated on January 6, according to the Julian Calendar.

Task 1

After introducing his family, Stefan describes what is done in preparation for one of the most important holidays in Serbia. Watch the film up to the "... which symbolise prosperity and good health." and answer these questions:

1. What is the yule log?
An oak branch.
2. When is it cut?
Before dawn.
3. Why is it sprinkled with wheat and coated with milk and honey?
To foster fertility, crop prosperity and good health.
4. What do Stefan and his brother do under the table?
Search for presents in a sack with straw. They have to peep like chicken while doing it.
5. What is done with the yule log on Christmas morning?
It is cut into pieces.
6. Who is the "layer" and what does he do?
The first person who comes to a house. He stirs up the fire with a poker to produce a lot of sparks, which symbolise prosperity and good health.
Note: Stefan's brother chants the charm "Koliko žara toliko krava" which means "So many embers, so many cows".

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Task 2

In the next scene, Stefan shows us the symbols of Christmas. At the end he mentions a dogwood branch, whose berry is symbolically eaten to be "zdrav kao dren", which is close in meaning to "be hale and hearty". Watch the scene and tick the symbols that he mentions:

turkey	corn ✓	candle ✓	fish
straw ✓	eggs	nuts ✓	piglet ✓
pie	prunes ✓	daizies	cake ✓
apples ✓	chicken	yule log ✓	plums

Task 3

Watch the next scene and write down what Stefan's family do. Try to remember some of the words that they repeat.

They cross themselves and in turns take a sip from a glass of wine. Then they pick up Christmas cake together, sprinkle it with wine, turn it round and break it, after which everybody looks for a golden coin in their piece. They repeat the words "Hristos se rodi. - Vaistinu se rodi.", which means "Christ is Born. - Indeed He is Born."

Task 4

Watch the last scene and answer these questions:

1. Did Stefan have luck last Christmas?
Yes. He found the golden coin and went to Switzerland in the summer.
2. What wish does he make at the end?
He wishes that his brother could find the golden coin this year.

Chapter 2 Petnica Swimmer's Dream

Task 1

Watch the film and write T (True) or F (False) for the following statements:

1. The village of Petnica is 17 km away from Valjevo. F (7 km)
2. The swimming pools have been used for 20 years. T
3. The pools are too deep for non-swimmers. F (there is a special pool for nonswimmers)
4. Katarina has been a member of the Valis Club for 3 years. T
5. She could not swim before joining the club. F (her mother and brother taught her)
6. She competed in swimming in many towns of Serbia. T

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1. Where does Katarina train swimming in winter?
She travels to the Vrujci spa, 30 km away from Valjevo.
2. What kind of a swimming pool is there in Subotica?
Is has a "balloon" covering, which cost 80,000 Euro.
3. Does the Petnica swimming pool have any advantages?
Yes, it is supplied with thermal water, with the temperature of 27°C.
4. What kind of a dream does Katarina have?
She would like the town of Valjevo or somebody else to provide the balloon covering for Petnica swimming pool.

Chapter 3 Protector of Families and Crops**Task 1****Watch Vlada at his home in the village of Brankovina and on his way to church and answer the following questions:**

1. What does Vlada's family celebrate?
St. Tryphon's Day. (It is celebrated in Serbia on 14 February.)
2. Why does Vlada take the feast wheat to church?
To be blessed.
3. What is the weather like on the way to church?
It is snowing

Task 2**In this section, Vlada attends church service. Listen to his story and circle the correct answer:**

1. St Tryphon was born in:
a) Africa b) Europe c) Asia
2. He saved the inhabitants of his town from
a) flood b) starvation c) fire
3. Tryphon gave everything he received to
a) his daughter b) the poor c) his friends
4. How did his life end?
a) He died a natural death. b) He was executed.
c) He died of illness

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This section shows the local priest blessing the home and Vlada's family and offering prayers for the present and their ancestors. Watch and tick the objects that you can see on the table and on the wall:

fresco	icon ✓	feast cake ✓
incense burner ✓	candle ✓	straw
bells	fish	feast rice
feast wheat ✓	a bowl of water ✓	icon lamp ✓
iconostas	basil ✓	oak twig

Task 4**1. Listen and fill in the gaps:**

The frescos represent St. Tryphon wearing _____ (1) clothes, with the _____ (2) and the sheaf in one, and the crucifix and the _____ (3) in the other hand. He is the protector of _____ (4). It is believed that if it is raining or _____ (5) on this day, the whole year will be fruitful.

2. According to the legend, what will this year be like?**Chapter 4 Tranquility at Petnica Lake****Task 1**

Watch Predrag's film about Petnica lake to "... to socialize and relax in the beauty of nature." Write T (True) or F (False) next to each statement.

1. Petnica lake is the smallest lake in the surroundings of Valjevo. F
(It is the biggest lake.)
2. The maximum depth of the lake is 20 m. F (12m)
3. The lake is full of fish such as trout and salmon. F
(It abounds with carps, pikes and catfish.)
4. People take good care of the lake fish stock. T
5. The lake is famous for fishing competitions. T

Task 2

Watch to the end and answer the following questions:

1. Does Predrag like fishing?

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- Yes, we can see him with the fishing gear.*
2. What happens to the lost wobblers?
Predrag and his friend usually find them on a sandbank, where they are washed up by the waves.
 3. What kind of birds can you see around the lake?
Storks, herons and sparrow-hawks.
 4. Which birds are especially numerous and why?
Sparrow-hawks, because people brought them to reduce the population of mice.
 5. Are you allowed to camp and swim in the lake? *Yes.*
 6. What kind of a tourist attraction was recently developed?
Petnica Cave.

Chapter 5 The Emerald River

Task 1

In this section of the film, Danilo talks about the beauty of the river Gradac, but also warns us of its enemies. Watch to '...as common treasure of all the people of Valjevo.' and answer the questions:

1. Where does the canyon of the river Gradac lie?
South of the town of Valjevo.
2. Gradac is protected by the state owing to whom?
Ecologists and nature lovers.
3. Which animals can you see in the Gradac area?
Otters, grey partridges, horned vipers and brown trout.
4. Why is the water of the river suitable for trout farming?
It is clean and full of oxygen and plancton.
5. Who are the enemies of the river?
People who illegally dump their garbage along the river banks.

Task 2

Now Vljako takes us up the river, showing its popular beaches. Watch to '... people who like horse riding.' and do the following activities:

I Answer the questions:

1. Why isn't it safe to jump from the bridge into the water?
There is mud on the bottom.
2. The water is much shallower now than it used to be, why is it so?
Many springs are capped to supply the town with water.

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3. What does the word Anatema mean?

*It means 'curse'.***II Decide whether these statements are true or false:**

1. There is a big whirlpool on the Anatema beach. F
There used to be a whirlpool, but now the water is shallow.
2. The beach "Ploce" used to be the most visited place. F
(It is now the most visited beach since Anatema is no longer popular.)
3. People go to Sava's watermill to leave their bikes and motorbikes. T
4. You can do horse riding along the river. T

Task 3

Watch up to the camping scene and explain why Gradac is interesting for caving lovers.

Task 4

Watch to the end and fill in the missing parts of the text:

Before hot summer days, there is another big occasion when the people of Valjevo visit the river in large numbers. It is the traditional pre-dawn outing on 1st May when both the old and the young, families and groups of friends come to Gradac to have fun around the camp fires, with barbecue, music, and traditional hiking up and down the river. Those who are not very sporty choose to sit in a cafe called Kod vidre, which means "At the Otter's".

Chapter 6 Revival of Life

Task 1

Watch the first scene outside of Branko's house and finish these sentences:

1. People in Serbia colour eggs on Good Friday.
2. The first egg to be dyed and saved for the whole year is called Home Protector.
3. The first egg is red because it is the symbol of Christ's blood.

Task 2

Now watch the process of egg colouring and put these sentences in the correct order:

- a) Put the eggs into the boiling water and dye. 3
- b) Put some vinegar and some salt into the water. 4
- c) Put a leaf on the egg and tie a piece of stocking around it. 2

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- d) Collect some interesting leaves. 1
e) Take the eggs out of the water and rub them with some oil. 6
f) Boil the eggs for ten minutes. 5

Task 3

In this scene, Branko explains why Easter is one of the most important holidays for his family. Watch to "...which means resurrection." and fill in the missing words.

Easter is the main holiday in the year, the first and the oldest one. This holiday is a **movable (1)** feast that is celebrated every year on a Sunday, which can occur as **early (2)** as 4 April and as late as 8 May. It begins today and continues for the next two days. The three day celebration is **symbolic (3)** because Christ, our God, resurrected after three days. He was the man who **preached (4)** a real, orthodox religion. Because of that the Romas **condemned (5)** him and he had to die. They **crucified (6)** him on the cross. He was dead, but after three days he came back to life and **ascended (7)** into heaven. That means that he was a real God. In Serbian language, Easter is called "Uskrs" or "Vaskrs", which means **ressurrection (8)**.

Task 4

Watch to the end and decide whether the statements are true or false:

1. At Easter, members of Branko's family greet people with "Good morning". F
(They greet each other with 'Christ is Risen and 'Indeed He is Risen')
2. The person whose egg does not crack wins the egg tapping competition. T
3. Collection of Serbian Easter eggs in the Ethnographic Museum of Belgrade is remarkable for colloured eggs from Valjevo. T
4. Vegetal ornaments symbolize summer and revival of life. F
(They symbolize *spring* and revival of life).

Chapter 7 - All the World's Greenery**Task 1**

Watch the film to "... which is the start and end point for visitors." and answer the following questions:

1. When did the first walkers visit Pećina Park?
Before the First World War.
2. Where do the old trees come from?
From different parts of the world.
3. Which trees does Marija mention?
A plane tree, chestnut stree and maple tree.
4. What is Milica's earliest childhood memory?

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Her mum putting her on a swing when when she was 2 years old.

Task 2

In the next scene we can see Nevena talking about sports and recreation in Pećina Park. Watch to "... so very often it is closed and write T (True) of F (False) for the following:

1. There is a big football stadium near Pećina Park. T
2. Rendezvous Cafe is at the entrance to Pećina Park. T
3. Zdravljak used to be a Japanese restaurant. F (*Chinese*).
4. Young people used to celebrate their coming of age there. T
5. It is mostly open during autumn and winter. F (*There are not many guests then*).

Task 3

This scene shows Marija at Lovci restaurant. Watch to "... during hot summer days." and fill in the missing text.

Further up the road and across of the park there is the Lovci or the Hunters' Restaurant. You can eat delicious game stew and game sausages here. The visitors can see here many animals like ducks, geese, rabbits, swans and peacocks. In the old days, citizens of Valjevo would hire a small boat and row down the river of Obnica, which flows into the river Kolubara. These two rivers enhance the feeling of freshness during hot summer days.

Task 4

Watch the final scene with Milica and explain where Milica never been and why?

She has never been in a cave after which Pećina Park got its name because it is very dark and scary in it. The cave is situated across the river Kolubara behind Platani (Plane Trees), an old restaurant serving traditional Serbian food.