

AP Spanish Language and Culture Summer Work

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Hola! I am glad you have chosen to continue your study of Spanish into the AP level. The AP Spanish Language and Culture is designed to test your skills in order to see how well they compare to abilities found in a third year college course. The exam will test all of the major language skills: listening and reading comprehension as well as your speaking ability and writing skills in addition to general cultural knowledge of the Hispanic world. Therefore, you will need to continue your practice in your skill areas this summer.

These summer assignments will not take too much time, but the work should be spread out throughout the summer rather than trying to cram everything into a few days. **CRAMMING** does not work with a language! Please make every effort to submit the assignments on time. *Please let me know if you have any extenuating circumstances along with the submission of your work.

Students are required to abide by the honor code that forbids them from cheating and lying within the academic standards at JMB. I expect this commitment from you. What this means is that you are expected to complete all assignments on your own, without consulting native-speakers or abuse the use of a translator. Your work should represent what you are capable of doing using as resources your knowledge, grammar books, and notes from previous study.

TRANSLATION DEVICES: May be used as resources (**FOR SUMMER WORK ONLY**) but are not to be abused. Entering entire text into a translator and expecting a true representation in Spanish of a desired rendering is a very dangerous election. Translators, while they are capable of producing a measure of accuracy, may not offer an accurate translation. Please be careful and prudent in your use of a translator!

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please do all activities completely and to the best of your ability. I will be using this work to assess your skills upon starting the new school year. You will receive your first homework grade for this work.

***ALL WORK IS TO BE EMAILED TO YOUR TEACHER DURING THE SUMMER. Please, use the following email: imunoz@wboe.org**

ASSIGNMENT #1: Familiarize yourself with the exam.

Become familiar with the Exam. Go to the website below and read about the exam.
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/about-the-exam?spanlang>

Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/exam-tips>

After you have read through everything, write a short summary (+/-100 words) in Spanish of what you have learned about the exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to best study over the course of the year. You can include your hopes, plans areas of concern, etc. **EMAIL YOUR SUMMARY NO LATER THAN June 21st!**

ASSIGNMENT #2: READING PRACTICE

Reading is an important part of the AP Spanish Exam. To strengthen your Spanish reading comprehension and writing skills, you are to read 3 news articles in Spanish. Note new words you learn and use those words in original sentences. Use the form included at the very end of this entire document to record the articles you have read. Use three of the following topics and write your summaries that cover the three topics:

La economía

Los derechos humanos

El entretenimiento (la música, el cine, el arte, etc)

Los días festivos (en el mundo español/latino)

El medio ambiente

La política

Las ciencias naturales/físicas

La tecnología

La Inmigración

Los deportes

NOTE: I will be looking for use of the subjunctive, future, conditional, perfect tenses, imperfect and preterite etc. In addition I expect to see attention paid to basics such as noun/verb agreement, subject/verb agreement, ser vs. estar etc.

You may find news articles at these websites:

www.bbcmundo.com www.elpais.com

www.univision.com <http://www.un.org/spanish/News>

<http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/noticias.html> <http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/>

<http://www.prensaescrita.com/> <http://www.veintemundos.com/en/>

PLEASE, only submit ONE article summary via e-mail at a time. I don't want you to be "superman or wonder woman" and submit all articles in one day. Summaries are due by 11:59pm on the due date. The due dates are Sunday June 28th, July 12th and August 9th.

Assignment #3: LISTENING PRACTICE!

You are required to listen to authentic Spanish this summer. You may listen to the radio, CDs, streaming radio, podcasts or view YouTube, TV/movies. Please note the webpage, radio name etc. At the beginning it may be hard to understand the first time, so you may listen to it more than once, take notes, etc. Use the attached listening log for each activity.

You may find some interesting items on these websites:

www.notesinspanish.com

www.rtve.es/ree/

<http://www.vmetv.com/> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/mh>

<http://www.20minutos.es/>

Your assignment is to log one “Listening log” and sent via e-mail. The summery is due by 11:59pm on Sunday July 19th.

ASSIGNMENT #4: SPEAKING

Get the telephone number of a classmate. Call him/her at least once. Speak in Spanish about what you have been doing or about something you have seen or read. Keep a log of your conversation. Note the name of the classmate and write, in Spanish, what you talked about.

COMPLETION OF SUMMER WORK COUNTS AS YOUR FIRST HOMEWORK GRADE!

ON THE NEXT PAGE YOU WILL FIND THE FORMS YOU NEED TO RECORD THE ARTICLES YOU HAVE READ AND THE LISTENING ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE COMPLETED.

Nombre: _____

Fecha: _____

1. Titular y autor: _____

2. Fecha: _____

3. URL o
periódico: _____

4. País: _____

5. Tema: _____

6. 10 Palabras Aprendidas y Definiciones o sinonimos en español.

Palabras Aprendidas	Definición o Sinónimo
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