Introduction:

Welcome to AP French Language and Culture. This summer, you will complete various assignments that relate to the six interconnected themes of the AP French Language and Culture Exam:



These six themes are further divided into the following possible sub-themes:

Global Challenges / les Défis Mondiaux

Diversity Issues / La tolérance ; Economic Issues / L'économie ; Environmental Issues / L'environmement ; Health Issues / La santé ; Human Rights / Les droits de l'être humain; Nutrition and Food Safety / L'alimentation; Peace and War / La paix et la guerre

Science and Technology / La science et la technologie

Current Research Topics / La recherche et ses nouvelles frontières ; Discoveries and Inventions / Les découvertes et les inventions ; Ethical Questions / Les choix moraux ; Future Technologies / L'avenir de la technologie ; Intellectual Property / La propriété intellectuelle ; The New Media / Les nouveaux moyens de communication ; Social Impact of Technology / La technologie et ses effets sur la société

Contemporary Life / La vie contemporaine

Advertising and Marketing / La publicité et le marketing ; Education / L'éducation et l'enseignement ; Holidays and Celebrations / Les fêtes; Housing and Shelter / Le logement; Leisure and Sports / Les loisirs et le sport ; Professions / Le monde du travail ; Rites of Passage / Les rites de passage ; Travel / Les voyages

Personal and Public Identities / La quête de soi

Alienation and Assimilation / L'aliénation et l'assimilation ; Beliefs and Values / Les croyances et les systèmes de valeurs ; Gender and Sexuality / La sexualité ; Language and Identity / L'identité linguistique ; Multiculturalism / Le pluriculturalisme ; Nationalism and Patriotism / Le nationalisme et le patriotisme

Families and Communities / La famille et la communauté

Age and Class / Les rapports sociaux ; Childhood and Adolescence / L'enfance et l'adolescence ; Citizenship / La citoyenneté ; Customs and Ceremonies / Les coutumes ; Family Structures / La famille ; Friendship and Love / L'amitié et l'amour

Beauty and Aesthetics / L'esthétique

Architecture / L'architecture; Contributions to World Artistic Heritage / Le patrimoine; Ideals of Beauty /Le beau; Literature / Les arts littéraires; Music / La musique; Performing Arts / Les arts du spectacle ; Visual Arts / Les arts visuels

Summer Work

I. Reading, Listening & Writing Assignment: Current Events Portfolio

This summer, you will create a current events portfolio based on 3 text articles and 3 audio/video reports from French or francophone news sources. These 6 current events must span across the 6 weeks listed below. Please do not choose more than one article or audio/video report per week.

Due Dates:

- The Current Events Portfolio section of this assignment is due in 2 parts, the first on June 30, and the second August 5 and is worth:
 - 30 points in the reading category (10 points per summary, based on completion)
 - 30 points in the listening category (10 points per summary, based on completion)
 - 30 points in the writing category (5 points per cultural comparison, graded using AP presentational writing rubric)
- The four speaking assignments are due during the weeks of June 10-15, June 23-29, July 21-29, and August 4-10. As long as you submit by the last date of the week indicated, your assignment will be on time. These assignments are worth:

-20 points in the speaking category (5 points per assignment, graded using the AP presentational speaking rubric- <u>https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/ap/pdf/ap18-sg-french-language.pdf</u>)

Directions:

1. Choose a current event. Please remember that you will need 3 print sources and 3 audio/visual sources.

a. Print Sources: Feel free to access any French or francophone news site, but you may also go to <u>http://fr.w3streams.com/laune</u> to access links to many daily headlines of French and francophone news. The links change daily.

b. Audio Sources: Feel free to access any French or francophone audio news site, but here are a few for you as well:

Radio des Nations Unies: <u>http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/french</u> Radio France Internationale : <u>https://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/apprendre-enseigner/langue-</u> <u>fran%C3%A7aise/journal-en-francais-facile</u>

TV5 Monde : <u>http://www.tv5monde.com/</u>

***Please do not read any provided transcriptions of the audios.

- 2. Select a news story that relates to one of the main themes or sub-themes of AP French. You must have 1 for each theme. For each of the 6 entries, be sure to include:
 - -a link for what you watched or read
 - -the title of the article
 - -the date of the article
 - -the theme it represents
- 3. Read or listen as many times as you need, and look up any unknown words or phrases using <u>www.wordreference.com</u>.
- 4. For each current event write a 3-5 sentence French summary of the main ideas using your own words, and then write a 4-6 sentence cultural comparison in French that compares the article you read to your own personal experiences and culture.

Do not use any form of a translator or seek outside help on this task or the speaking task. Word Reference is the only approved source.

II. Speaking Practice

In addition to submitting your written portfolio, you will also complete 4 small speaking tasks that will take about 1-2 minutes. **My Google Voice number is (813) 388-8181.** When you call, just let it go to voice mail and then record your message.

For each call, be sure to greet me, say your name, include the message content, and say goodbye. If you can, try not to write out everything you want to say. Just talk.

June 10-15 – Introduce yourself, tell me about you (age, likes/dislikes, family, etc.). Also, tell me what you plan to do with your summer.

June 23-29 – Tell me how your summer has been going so far. What good movies have you seen or shows have you watched on Netflix? Describe it for me.

July 21-29 – Tell me about how the summer work is going for you. How

easy/difficult/interesting, etc. are you finding the work? What has been the most interesting thing that you have learned?

August 4-10 – What is your best memory of the summer? Describe it. Tell me about what you are and are not looking forward to with the new school year.

If you have questions about any of the tasks or if you need help, please don't hesitate to email me at <u>adamsjla@gmail.com</u> or call me on the Google number **(813) 388-8181**. If you know you will be out of town/country when something is due, etc., please let me know soon, so that we can discuss an alternative schedule for those dates.

Merci et bonne chance! - Madame Lainé