

Dear rising AP French student-

Your summer assignment has several different parts and I would suggest you do it in increments (in any order you like) over a period of time, rather than trying to crank it out the night before school starts (which would be almost impossible to accomplish).

I have tried to give you a variety of ways to sharpen your French. You need to acquire a LOT of vocabulary between now and the AP test in May and that is why you are starting this summer.

Check off each item as you complete it and keep everything together. If you choose to complete the summer assignment, all items must be turned in together on the 4th meeting date of the new semester.

Students who complete assignments shall receive up to 2 additional percentage points on the grade at the end of the first nine week grading period.

Assignment # 1

- Go to the site <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html> and find French Language and Culture. Download and print the Overview. Read over and highlight the 6 course themes and the format of assessment.

Assignment # 2:

- Review the basic verb tenses. Use a textbook, an online grammar source (a superb source is the grammar section of this site: <http://www.lepointdufle.net/conjugaison.htm> but DO NOT rely on your memory; your goal is review and accuracy.
- You need to listen to some French – go to this site http://www1.rfi.fr/lffr/statiques/accueil_apprendre.asp and find the section LE FAIT DU JOUR. Click on the date of the article to see the video, and then do the exercises. Correct with the key provided and print our page(s) of responses. Please write the date and the title of the article you heard since these change constantly (3 articles over the summer vacation).

- Go for a cinematic experience: Check out a French film DVD (not an American film with a French sound track; it should be rated appropriately, of course) and watch the French version (with English subtitles if you absolutely must...). Write a short critique (10 sentences, tops) where you briefly summarize the plot (“ l'intrigue”) in French and give your personal opinion of the film. This should NOT be a film you have seen before.
- Go for a musical approach: Open this site <http://platea.pntic.mec.es/~cvera/hotpot/chansons/index.htm> and from the choisissez une chanson menu, choose NIVEAU MOYEN or AVANCE. Find three songs that you like, listen to them, do their activities and print them out, then give a short description of each in French (along with the title and artist). Compare French music to music you are used to hearing here in the States.

If you have difficulty or questions, you may email me (choikx@pwcs.edu) over the summer. I will be on vacation now and then but will respond to you as soon as I can.

I am proud of you for choosing AP French and truly looking forward to teaching you.

Bonne chance et amusez-vous bien cet été...

