AP Spanish Language and Culture Summer Work

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¡Hola! I am so happy you have chosen to continue your study of Spanish into the AP level. The AP Spanish Language and Culture exam will test all of the major language skills: listening, reading comprehension, your speaking ability and writing skills in addition to general cultural knowledge of the Hispanic world. Therefore, you will need to continue practicing your skill areas this summer.

These summer assignments will not take too much time each week, and 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 let me know if you have any extenuating circumstances that can hinder your ability to do the work.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED to abide by the honor code that forbids them from cheating and lying within the academic standards at WH. 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 abusing the use of a translator. Your work should represent what you are capable of doing using resources such as your knowledge, grammar books, and notes from previous study. You will receive a grade for this work.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL have fun and ENJOY the language and your Summer!

COMPLETION OF SUMMER WORK COUNTS AS THE FIRST MAJOR GRADE OF THE YEAR!
Assignment #1: Familiarize yourself with the exam.

Become familiar with the exam. Go to the website below and read about the exam.


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


- After you have read through everything, write a short summary (+/-100 words) in ENGLISH of what you have learned about the exam. You can include your hopes, plans, areas of concern, about the exam.

Assignment #2: READING PRACTICE

Reading is an important part of the AP Spanish Exam. To strengthen your Spanish Reading Comprehension and writing skills, you will read 3 articles in Spanish from a Spanish language newspaper or magazine. You may choose articles that are interesting to you and appropriate for school. Please do not choose more than two articles on the same topic. You must be able to relate the articles to one of the six AP themes. These articles must be written in Spanish and may not be translations of an article in English. Prepare a short summary in Spanish of each article (8-10 sentences). Make a list of important vocabulary words (5-8) and their definitions in Spanish. Print a copy (or save it as PDF) of the article and be sure to include the reference from where you obtained the article. There is a form to be completed at the end of this packet. Fill out the supplied log.

Here are some topics that you might select articles on:

La economía   La tecnología
Los derechos humanos   La Inmigración
El medio ambiente
Los deportes

La política
Las ciencias

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

Los días festivos (en el mundo español/latino)

You may find news articles at these websites:

https://www.bbc.com/mundo
https://www.univision.com
www.elpais.com
https://news.un.org/es/
http://espanol.news.yahoo.com

**Summaries are due on our first class of the new school year.**

Assignment #3: LISTENING PRACTICE!

You are required to spend at least 3 hours listening to authentic Spanish this summer, in 30 minute increments. 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. Make a listening log with a brief +- 50 words summary for each ½ hr. Fill out the supplied log.

You may find some interesting items on these websites:

https://www.espanolistos.com/la-casa-home/
https://www.wbur.org/anythingforselena/2021/01/13/selena-y-yo-espanol
https://www.trescuentos.com/episodes
https://radioambulante.org
Assignment #4: GRAMMAR

As an AP Spanish student you would be familiar with the tenses listed below. You should know how to form each tense as well as when to use each one. You should concentrate on an area or areas of grammar that you need extra practice with.

https://studyspanish.com/grammar

https://studyspanish.com/verbs

Verb Tenses you should know. Irregular and Regular Verbs for all categories

□ Present
□ Present Progressive
□ Past
□ Imperfect
□ Future
□ Conditional
□ Present Perfect
□ Ser vs Estar
Título del artículo____________________________________________________________
Autor______________________________Fecha_____________________________________
Nombre del periódico o sitio web______________________________________________
Tema AP ____________________________________________________________________
Parte I. Escribe 10 nuevas palabras que leíste en el artículo.

LISTA DE NUEVAS PALABRAS.

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Parte II. Escribe un resumen del artículo que leíste (50 palabras como mínimo)
Selecciona:  TV  Radio  Podcast  Otro

Canal/Emisora/URL : __________________________________________________________

Nombre del programa : ______________________________________________________

Resumen/Comentarios (por lo menos 50 palabras):