Dear students,

Welcome to AP French class! I’m glad to have you here and I’m here to help you discover the French language and Francophone culture. To succeed in the AP exam, it’s important to practice French regularly. I recommend spending at least 30 minutes each day reading, writing, listening, or speaking in French.

**Task 1 - Presentation of Two Francophone Countries**

**Objective:** Research and prepare an oral presentation on two Francophone countries highlighting their culture, history, and particularities.

**Instructions:**

1. **Country Selection:**
   Each student chooses two different Francophone countries from this list - [https://www.fluentu.com/blog/french/french-speaking-countries/](https://www.fluentu.com/blog/french/french-speaking-countries/)

2. **Research:**
   Conduct thorough research on the chosen countries using reliable sources such as government websites, cultural sources, and travel guides. Explore aspects such as history, geography, language, culture, traditions, cuisine, famous landmarks, etc.

3. **Presentation Preparation:**
   Create a visual presentation (slides, images, videos) highlighting the key points of your research. Structure your presentation into clear sections: **Introduction, History, Culture, Geography, Language, Strengths, Conclusion.**

**Presentation Content: (total 5 slides)**

1. Discuss the country’s history, focusing on significant events.
2. Share information about the culture, including music, dance, art, literature, and customs.
3. Explain geographical features and iconic landmarks.
4. Present the spoken language and its peculiarities.
5. Highlight what makes this country unique and interesting.
Submission:
You will present your work during the first week of school.

Task 2 - Research Project

For one chosen Francophone country, research six different themes from articles, videos, infographics, or other documents on the country’s cultural perspectives. For each source, write a paragraph summary (5-6 lines). In total, you will write six paragraphs.

The sub-themes in parentheses will help you focus your research on a topic that interests you.

a. Global Challenges: How does this country manage a global challenge? (environment, terrorism, unemployment, economic problems, health, human rights)

b. Science and Technology: What are the scientific innovations or technologies developed in or used by this country?

c. Contemporary Life: How does this country manage aspects of modern life such as work, housing, commerce, dietary habits, and rites of passage?

d. Quest for Identity: How does this country express its national identity? What tensions exist among groups? Which historical events have contributed to a national identity?

e. Family and Community: How can the composition of families in this country be characterized? How does the government intervene in families?

f. Aesthetic: What is the heritage of this country? How do their architecture, fine arts, literature, music, dance, etc., express cultural values?

Submission:
You will submit one paragraph on each theme, totaling six paragraphs, during the first week of school.

Resources:
Here is a list of videos to watch/listen to learn about the culture of your chosen Francophone country, but you can find other sources:

https://www.youtube.com/user/aatfrench/playlists
https://savoirs.rfi.fr/en
**Task 3 - AP Exam Format**

Familiarize yourself with the AP test format: -

**Answer these questions:**
1. What are the four main sections of the AP French exam?
2. How many questions are there in the Multiple Choice section, and how much time do you have to complete it?
3. How many tasks are there in the Speaking section, and what are they?
4. Explain the two tasks you need to complete in the Writing section.

These questions should help gauge a student's understanding of the format and expectations of the AP French exam.

**Here are some resources to help you polish your French during the summer.**

2. **Vocabulary** - https://quizlet.com/class/7159900/
3. **Listening** :
   - Podcasts courtes: https://www.qub.radio/balado/
   - https://www.caminteresse.fr/culture/
4. **News (vidéos et articles)** :
   - https://www.francetvinfo.fr/
   - https://www.france24.com/fr/

See you at the start of the school year,

**Mme. Tanwar**