

Actividades del verano. Make plans now to start your summer Spanish activities. Keep track of your work, notes, and/or art so you can hand these in on the first day of school.

Choose one option from the section below.

- Watch at least one film **in Spanish that you have not seen before** (*El Norte, Roma, Neruda, Cronos, El laberinto del fauna, Cría cuervos, El secreto de sus ojos*, etc, etc; several recent works by the director Pedro Almodóvar; any B+W film featuring Cantinflas). Many films are available for download FOR FREE using a Kanopy account as part of your Metrolibrary card. Subtitles in English are OK; dubbed movies are not. Some films are not appropriate for youth: get your parents' permission before you start.
- Watch (or binge) a *telenovela* in Spanish *that you have not seen before*. Watch at least ten episodes. Many are available on Netflix and Kanopy (including *Gran Hotel; La casa de papel; El ministerio del tiempo*); others are available for free over-the-air on Univisión and TV Azteca.

For the films / telenovelas you choose from this section, take notes! You will write a short in-class essay when you return the first week of school.

Now choose one more option from the section below.

- **Visual arts.** Find five works of art by three different Spanish-speaking artists that you really like. You may choose paintings, sculpture, or any visual form of art, or (even better) a mix of the three. Choose one of the three works of art and draw your own interpretation of this work.
- **Sonic arts.** Find five songs in Spanish *that are new to you*. Learn to sing at least the chorus of one song. Choose one that is appropriate to listen to in class.
- **Comida.** Prepare or eat one of these foods:
 - flan o pastel de tres leches (México)
 - arepas (Columbia / Venezuela)
 - pupusas (Centroamérica)
 - agua de jamaica (regiones tropicales) o agua de horchata (México, Centroamérica)
 - empanadas (Chile / Argentina)
 - paella (España)
 - another **traditional** Hispanic food

You can do this at home or with a friend. Take a picture of yourself preparing / eating / enjoying this food, and save your picture for the beginning of the year to email to your teacher. *TexMex and TexBasuraMex NO cuenta.*

¿Quieres más?

If you use Twitter, @bbcmundo is interesting and timely. You can read (or at least see the front page for) many papers in the Spanish-speaking world at <https://es.kiosko.net/>

¡Qué disfrutes tus vacaciones!