AP SPANISH SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS 2025-2026

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¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! You have chosen to continue your study of Spanish at the AP level. The AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam (May 2026) will test all of the major language skills: listening, reading comprehension, speaking, and writing in addition to general cultural knowledge of the Hispanic World. I welcome you to this rewarding and challenging course and to this journey exploring six major themes of study.

Themes for AP Spanish Language and Culture

1. Beauty and Aesthetics
2. Global Challenges
3. Science and Technology
4. Families and Communities
5. Personal and Public Identities
6. Contemporary Life.

Students enrolled in AP Spanish are required to complete the summer assignment prior to the start of class in August. Summer assignments have been selected to continue the development of more advanced communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

General Directions: Read the assignment descriptions carefully. Each assignment has some required activities. You may use dictionaries, grammar books, www.wordreference.com, etc. Local libraries and native speakers of Spanish are excellent sources. You may enjoy watching videos or television programs with other AP Spanish students, and discussing the activities and your opinions is encouraged. However, your work is still yours, not the other students'. You may have the same conversations, but your logs will be different, since each one of you will report what you learned and talked about during the conversations.

Assignment # 1: Familiarize yourself with the exam. Become familiar with EVERYTHING that is published on the AP website about this exam.
https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-spanish-language-and-culture

a) When you have done this, please write a short summary (70-80 words) in Spanish of what you learned about this exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to study best over the course of the year.

Assignment # 2 Reading
You will read 6 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. You may want to get your article from the website,
a) http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/news/
b) La Nación Argentina http://www.lanacion.com.ar/
c) El País (España) www.elpais.com
d) Centro de Noticias ONU http://www.un.org/spanish /News/
e) El universal México https://www.eluniversal.com.mx/

Assignment # 3: Writing
You will write 5 journal entries in Spanish. You may not get help from a friend or website but you may use a dictionary if needed. You should be creative and your information does not have to be true, but your writing should be organized and make sense to the reader. You must use the ideas below for your journal entries:
a) a description of a popular tradition or celebration
b) a description of how your family celebrates major holidays
c) an autobiographical description of your family's most important tradition
d) a biography of a superhero, a famous person, favorite person
e) a description of a favorite movie, book, or musical group
f) an essay about your use of social media
g) an essay that begins if I could change one thing...Si pudiera cambiar una cosa...
h) an essay to explain the importance of vacations and time off
i) an essay to describe a new summer holiday
j) a list of the top 10 reasons you are taking AP Spanish Language

Assignment # 4: Listening
You should complete 3 hours of listening. You must write a short summary of the activities you choose but remember the emphasis is on listening. You will give a brief oral report to the class in the first week of school about your listening activities. Choose from the following activities to complete your 3 hours:
a) Watch a movie or a television show in Spanish. Write a short summary of the plot or action.
b) Watch a list of recommended videos from the College Board and complete the activities
c) Listen to the radio in Spanish. Write a brief description of what you heard.
d) Listen to a Spanish podcast and write a summary

Assignment # 5: Speaking
You should complete 2 hours of Speaking. You can choose from these activities and record your conversations.
a) Interview a Spanish-speaking friend, neighbor or family member. Record the conversation, with permission.

b) Set a Zoom meeting with a classmate and talk in Spanish about your news articles or any other topic. Record your conversation/meeting.
c) Practice the guided conversation part of the AP exam and download your audio from https://hablame.org/conversation

AP Spanish Language News Article Sheet

Please complete the following information in SPANISH

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 10 oraciones usando 15 de las palabras que aprendiste cuando leíste el artículo.

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Parte III. Escribe un resumen del artículo que leíste (50 palabras como mínimo)

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