CSN AP Chinese 2026 Summer Work

1. Weekly Journals（每周日记）
Please write a weekly journal. In total, you should complete **at least six journals** before the school year begins. The content of your journals can include anything meaningful or interesting to you, such as:

- your personal experiences
- your family members' or friends' experiences
- daily life events\

Try to recall and use the Chinese characters we have learned so far. Also, incorporate conjunctions and transition words such as: 因为…所以，第一，第二，第三，总之，虽然…但是…，可是，还是，最好，尽管, 等。
You may **handwrite** your journals or **type them in a Word document**. Each journal should be **100–120 Chinese characters**.

2. Movie Reflection（电影观后感）
Please watch the movie *《活着》(To Live)*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3BXCvNDpTs （1.3 hours）
After watching the movie, write **ONE paragraph** describing your thoughts and reflections.

3. Chinese Idiomatic Stories（成语故事）

Watch the following videos and answer the questions:

Video 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHRhuMw2QbQ

- What is the name of the story?
- Write a short critique (handwritten or typed).

Video 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aXnknF3tZQ

- What is the name of the story?
- What lesson have you learned from the story?
- Do you like it? Why or why not?

Video 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi5Z2g7to5s

- If you have a younger sibling, retell the story to him/her.
- Ask how he/she would weigh the elephant under the given circumstances (i.e., in ancient China, without a large scale).
- Do you have a better solution?

4. Cross-Cultural Comedies（跨文化喜剧）
Choose some videos from the following playlist to watch for fun and to better understand cultural differences between Eastern and Western cultures:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoGEipXRvuKPWgfL7kiUI35XXseliRATT

5. Talk Show（脱口秀）
After completing all the assignments above, relax and enjoy the following talk show: Watch a performance by Huang Xi, a Chinese biologist who earned his Ph.D. from Rice University and later became a stand-up comedian:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgZczqZdR64