

**Jupiter High School Summer assignment**  
**AP French Language and Culture**  
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Chers étudiants,

Welcome to AP French class! I'm glad you're here and I'm here to help you discover and prepare for the French language and Francophone culture class. To succeed on the AP exam, it's important to practice French regularly. I recommend spending at least 20 to 30 minutes each day reading, writing, listening, or speaking in French.

Start by familiarizing yourself with the AP test format with the following website:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-french-language-and-culture/assessment>

You must be able to answer the following 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.

**Weekly assignments: do one of these a week:**

\*Lisez: Read an article in French each day from any of the following websites:

[www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr), [www.lefigaro.fr](http://www.lefigaro.fr), [www.leparisien.fr](http://www.leparisien.fr), [www.france24.fr](http://www.france24.fr), <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/>,  
or <http://www.tv5.org/TV5Site/7-jours/> (*Sept jours sur la planète*).

\*Écoutez: Listen to a podcast on: <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/>, or download the **TuneIn** radio app and listen to Radio France Internationale (RFI), they also have podcasts.

\*Regardez: watch a French TV show or movie on Netflix or Prime, some good shows/movies are: [Lupin](#), [The Parisian Agency](#), [French Lover](#), [Untouchable](#), [The Climb](#), [Chocolate](#).

\*Écoutez et chantez: choose a list of 10 French songs to listen to. Here are some French artists to help you get started: [Johnny Hallyday](#), [Jacques Brel](#), [Édith Piaf](#), [Céline Dion](#), [Amel Bent](#), [Corneille](#), [Francis Cabrel](#), [Pascal Obispo](#), [Stromae](#), [Indila](#), [Charles Trenet](#), [Patrick Bruel](#), [Joe Dassin](#), [Mireille Mathieu](#), [Hélène Ségara](#)...

\*Cuisinez et mangez: find recipes of French dishes or pastries in French. Read about the history of the dishes in French. Gather the ingredients and follow the recipe in order to make the dish. Share it with family and friends, on social media and take pictures to share with our class.

\*Lisez et pensez: *Candide ou L'Optimisme* by Voltaire

Keep a journal and write down **at least one journal entry per week** in French: which activity did you do for the week (please date each entry)? What/who was it about? Which theme does this fall into in our AP curriculum? Make a summary of at least 10 sentences. Make a sentence or two to compare to something similar in our community.

For each entry, write down **5 new words that you learned for the week**. Use each word in a simple sentence in French. You must have a minimum of 8 entries for the summer. Your journal is due the **second week of school for a grade**.

Here are our themes:

- Contemporary Life
- Families and Communities
- Personal and Public Identities
- Global Challenges
- Science and Technology
- Beauty and Esthetics

Our syllabus is centered around Voltaire's book *Candide ou L'Optimisme*. Read it ahead of time and try to understand the gist of each chapter. If you look up the vocabulary for each chapter over the summer as you read it, this will save you a lot of time throughout the year. You can use some of the chapters for your journal entries as well.

Merci et bonnes vacances.