

AP Chinese Language and Culture

Summer Assignment Packet

Welcome to AP Chinese!

This summer packet is designed to help you maintain and strengthen your Chinese language skills before the start of the school year. Students are expected to engage with authentic Chinese-language materials and practice all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Summer Requirements

- Read at least 5-10 authentic Chinese articles over the summer.
- Watch at least 12 hours of Chinese-language videos.
- Maintain a vocabulary journal with at least 80 new words.
- Complete 5 journal entries in Chinese (150–250 characters each).
- Practice speaking weekly using the AP-style prompts provided.
- Prepare a 2–3 minute self-introduction presentation for the first week of class.

Recommended Resources

- Mandarin Bean – <https://mandarinbean.com>
- The Chairman's Bao – <https://www.thechairmansbao.com>
- Du Chinese – <https://www.duchinese.net>
- BBC 中文 – <https://www.bbc.com/zhongwen>
- VOA 中文 – <https://www.voachinese.com>
- AP Chinese Daily (YouTube) – <https://www.youtube.com/@APChineseDaily>
- ChinesePod – <https://www.youtube.com/@ChinesePodTV>
- 央视新闻 – https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=央视新闻

Reading Log

For each article, record:

- Title
- Source
- Date Read
- New Vocabulary
- 3–5 Sentence Summary

Viewing Log

For each video, record:

- Title
- Source
- Length
- Date Watched
- Summary
- New Expressions

Vocabulary Journal

Record at least 80 new words with: Chinese, Pinyin, English Meaning, and Example Sentence.

Weekly Journal Writing (150–250 Characters)

1. My summer goals
2. A memorable family experience
3. A cultural tradition in my family
4. A news story that interested me
5. Technology in my daily life
6. Healthy lifestyle choices
7. A community service experience
8. My expectations for AP Chinese

AP-Style Interpersonal Speaking Prompts

Practice responding aloud for 20–30 seconds per question. Record yourself whenever possible.

School Life

- 你最喜欢的课程是什么？为什么？
- 你认为高中生应该参加课外活动吗？为什么？
- 你通常怎么安排放学后的时间？

Family and Community

- 你和家人多久一起吃一次饭？
- 你认为家庭传统重要吗？为什么？
- 你如何帮助你的社区？

Health and Lifestyle

- 你平时怎么保持身体健康？

- 你觉得睡眠对学生重要吗？为什么？
- 你喜欢参加什么运动？

Technology

- 你每天花多少时间使用手机？
- 科技给学生带来了哪些好处和挑战？
- 你认为人工智能会如何影响未来？

Chinese Culture

- 你最喜欢的中国节日是什么？
- 中国传统价值观对年轻人有什么影响？
- 如果有机会去中国旅行，你最想去哪里？

Global Issues

- 环境保护为什么重要？
- 年轻人可以怎样帮助保护环境？
- 你怎么看待全球化？

AP Cultural Comparison Practice

- Chinese and American education
- Family relationships
- Holiday celebrations
- Food culture
- Social media use
- Volunteerism and community service

First Week AP Chinese Preparation

- Prepare a 2–3 minute self-introduction in Chinese.
- Share one article and one video you found interesting.
- Bring your vocabulary journal.
- Be prepared for a diagnostic listening, reading, speaking, and writing activity.