

**AP Spanish Language and Culture**  
**SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**  
**2019-2020**  
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*Estimados estudiantes de* AP Spanish Language and Culture,

*¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!*

You have chosen to take a rewarding and challenging AP course next year. I welcome you in this journey in exploring six major themes of study.

Themes for AP Spanish Language and Culture

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

Your Assignment

This assignment is divided into 4 different parts. Please read through the entire description because you must complete activities in all four parts.

**Assignment # 1:** Familiarized yourself with the exam

Become familiar with **everything** that is published on the AP website about this exam.

- a. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:  
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>
- b. When you have done this, please write a short summary (70-80 words) in Spanish of what you learned about the exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to study best over the course of the year. (25 points)

## Assignment # 2:

You will read **three** 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. 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 of the article and be sure to include the reference from where you obtained the article. You may want to get your articles from the websites,

- 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](http://www.elpais.com)
- d. Centro de Noticias ONU <http://www.u.org/spanish/News/>
- e. Univisión [www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com)
- f. Yahoo en español <http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/>

## Assignment # 3: Writing

You will write **2 journals** entries in Spanish. You may not get help from a friend or website but you may use the 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 letter to a famous or admired person
- b. An essay to describe an ideal job, country, university
- c. An autobiographical description of your family's most important tradition
- d. An original poem, song or story
- e. A description of a favorite movie, book, musical group
- f. A biography of a superhero, famous person, favorite person
- g. An essay to explain the importance of vacation and time off
- h. An essay to describe a new summer holiday
- i. A list of the top 10 reasons you are taking AP Spanish Language

## Assignment # 4: Speaking and Listening to Spanish

You will practice listening and if possible, speaking in Spanish. You should complete **3 hours** of listening and/or speaking. You may repeat an activity in this part. You must write a short summary of the activities you choose but remember the emphasis is speaking and listening.

- a. Interview a Spanish-speaking friend, neighbor or family member.
- b. Write a brief description of the conversation.

- c. Watch a movie or television show in Spanish. Write a short summary of the plot or action.
- d. Listen to the radio in Spanish. Write a brief description of what you heard.
- e. Visit the local Latino community. Write about a visit to a Latino restaurant, market, theater, and video store or library program.
- f. Volunteer to work in the Latino community. Contact the Hispanic Committee for a list of opportunities.

