**TRABAJO DEL VERANO**

**AP Spanish Language & Culture 2018-2019 con la Sra. Davis**

¡Bienvenidos y felicitaciones! I am excited to see where this course will take you.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam (May 2019) is a 3-4 hour skill-based exam testing your abilities and proficiency in Spanish. It is not a knowledge-based exam like most other AP exams. You are demonstrating your Spanish for over 3 hours; integrating all of your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, as well as cultural information you have acquired over time. AP Spanish is a class for highly motivated, independent learners (like you!) and will be a demanding course. Our goal, as a class, is for everyone to score a 3 or above on the exam. The AP Exam will require you to bring your highest level of Spanish skill, so **practicing and strengthening your Spanish this summer is absolutely necessary**.

You should **spread these assignments throughout the summer weeks** rather than cram them into a few days. CRAMMING does not work with a language! This work is meant to help you practice, develop your Spanish skills over the summer, and begin preparing for the AP exam.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Sending me a Remind text is usually fastest, followed by email, then everything else.

* Remind text group: **Text @apsdavis to 81010** from your phone to get started.
* Email: **wdavis@wcskids.net**

NOTE: You are expected to be honorable when it comes to your work in this class. That means you are expected to complete all assignments on your own, without over-using translators or consulting excessively with others/cheating. Your **work should represent what you are capable of doing** using your mind, grammar resources, old notes, etc.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**  Do all activities completely and to the best of your ability. I will be using this work to assess your skills upon starting the new school year. **You will receive a major test grade** for this work. **You may complete this in a NOTEBOOK/JOURNAL or TYPED** in Word, as a Google Doc, etc. Choose the format that works best for you, but **your WORK MUST BE ORGANIZED** when you submit it. **Use proper grammar, accent marks, punctuation, etc., as much as possible.** FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS TO HELP YOU GET FULL POINTS! Your summer assignments will be **due the first week of school**. Plan accordingly! **LOOK AT THE LAST TASK AND CHOOSE A SONG/SEND THE LINK ASAP!**

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**MAKE SURE YOU ARE INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS!**

**You will not get full credit if you skip parts of the task.**

**ASSIGNMENT #1—THE EXAM:** **Familiarize yourself with the exam.**

Become familiar with the Exam. Go to the website below and read about the exam. If these sites don’t work, start at apstudent.collegeboard.org and click on “About the Exam” and then from “Exam Practice” go to ”Exam Tips”.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/about-the-exam>

Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/exam-tips>

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***Assignment #1, continued:***

After you have read through everything,

-Write a **short summary (+/-100 words) in ENGLISH** of what you have learned about the exam. Include some **ideas of you could best study** over the course of the year. Include your **goal on the test (which score do you want?), plans, areas of concern**, etc.

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**ASSIGNMENTS #2-4—READING & WRITING PRACTICE:** **3 Authentic articles & summaries**

Read and summarize **3 news articles in Spanish**. You may want to do one per month.

**FOR EACH ARTICLE:**

-Write the **title & author, website/source**

-Nuevas Palabras: **List new words** you learn (**Spanish and English**, at least 5).

-In your own words, in Spanish, **summarize** the article (at least **10 sentences**).

-In your own words, in Spanish, **reflect** on the article. (at least **10 sentences**) INCLUDE your opinion and/or compare/contrast what you read to the community in which you live or a personal experience. Listed below are some popular news sites in Spanish. You are not limited to these; these are only suggestions.

Popular News Websites in Spanish:

☺ Compilation of various news sites, listed by country - http://www.prensaescrita.com/

BBC Mundo - www.bbcmundo.com

El País (España) - www.elpais.com

Univisión - www.univision.com

Centro de Noticias ONU - http://www.un.org/spanish/News/

El Universal (México) - http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/noticias.html

Yahoo en español - http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/

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**ASSIGNMENTS #5-7—LISTENING & WRITING PRACTICE**: **3 Podcasts & summaries**

Listen to **3 different selections of a Spanish Podcast**. Listen to each selection/episode as many times as you need to in order to understand it.

Choose one of these podcast series, or mix-and-match:

READ THE DESCRIPTIONS and pick episodes that interest you!

Audiria

<http://audiria.com/index.php>

Coffee Break Spanish (the hosts are British & it’s also on iTunes): <http://radiolingua.com/tag/cbs-season-1/>

SpanishPod101 (also on iTunes, Google Play)

<https://www.spanishpod101.com/>

Spanish Obsessed (also on iTunes)

<https://spanishobsessed.com/>

Notes in Spanish (has different levels)

<http://www.notesinspanish.com/>

Or another series you find by searching…!

**FOR EACH EPISODE:**

-Write which episode you listened to (**Title/Topic and number**)

-Write a **summary in Spanish** (12-15 sentences) about what you heard. In each summary, tell **at least two new things** that you learned as result of listening to your chosen selection. (Could be a phrase, grammar, overall big ideas, etc.)

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**ASSIGNMENT #8—LISTENING PRACTICE:** **One Movie in Spanish\***

\*This would be a good opportunity to collaborate, if you want to meet up with some classmates & watch something together—do it! Try speaking in Spanish while you’re together. ☺ Watching solo is fine, though!

**Watch a movie** (on Netflix, DVD with Spanish audio, rented, etc.) **with Spanish audio** (and subtitles, if needed). Your choice! It can be something you already know or a film you haven’t seen before—see if you can learn a few new phrases and pay attention to how the speakers pronounce their words. You might want to put Spanish audio and Spanish subtitles so you can read as they speak.

-Write the **title of the film and the source** (DVD, online, etc.)

-Write your Audio/Caption set up: **Audio in Spanish**, Did you use **subtitles? English or Spanish?**

-Write a **short reflection** in Spanish. Might include: What did you learn? What did you hear? Was it a good movie? Why or why not? (Give good details, write **at least 10 lines**)

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**ASSIGNMENT #9—LISTENING/SPEAKING PRACTICE:** **1 song in Spanish\***

\*This is another task that you COULD do with a classmate or group of classmates. If you want to find a song as a group & memorize it together, that is allowed. ☺ Independent song selection is fine, too. Just make sure it is something YOU like. It cannot be one we learned in class already (No Bidi bidi bom bom, No Ave Maria, etc.)

Choose **one Spanish song to memorize**! You may want to find it in June so you can **listen to it all summer**. It can be any song you enjoy, but it should have some language and phrases that are useful for this class. Remember Ave Maria? You learned lots of words and phrases that you can reuse. Have fun with this—songs are a great way to work on pronunciation and vocabulary, but also a great way to stay in love with the language. Need ideas? I like the NOW Latino playlists, but you can always hunt around YouTube, look on iTunes, etc. If you already have a favorite song or artist, look for more like that. For example, if you liked Ave Maria, you could look up more songs by David Bisbal. I also like Ennio Emmanuel. Try a search by genre—hip hop, pop, etc. Maybe click through the Billboard hits in Spanish. **Find something that is catchy and makes you want to learn it**.

-List the **title and artist** of your song

-**Copy the lyrics** into your notebook in Spanish and their English translation (look online if necessary)

-Answer in Spanish: **Why did you choose this song? (¿Por qué elegiste esta canción?) (5 lines at least)**

**-Send Sra. Davis a link to your song with the SPANISH LYRICS (if possible) on YouTube [DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** I will make a playlist from your songs!]. **Send via Remind text or email.**

---------------------------END OF SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS. **DUE 1st WEEK OF SCHOOL!**!!-------------------------

**OTHER PRACTICE to help prepare for AP Spanish:**

Keep in mind you could repeat any of the summer tasks that you enjoyed, but just for practice. For example, you could listen to more Notes in Spanish podcasts, learn more songs, watch more movies, etc.

Grammar: **This is not required**, but rather to help you “brush up” on tenses and concepts that may still be causing you trouble or ones in which you need more practice. You should know how to form each tense as well as when to use each one. These grammar concepts tend to emerge quite frequently throughout the year. The following websites may be helpful to practice these grammar points.

-Present tense

-Preterite tense (including clue words that trigger the preterite)

-Imperfect tense (including clue words that trigger the imperfect)

-Present perfect tense

-Ser vs. estar

-Progressive tenses (present/imperfect/future)

-Future o Conditional

-Present subjunctive

-Commands

-Por vs. para

-Double object pronouns

Grammar Websites (Use any good ones you know!):

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/ats/>

[www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)

[www.quia.com](http://www.quia.com)

[www.conjuguemos.com](http://www.conjuguemos.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/tontitofrito> (this is Sr. Jordan--he can explain really well!)

**More OPTIONAL Tips for Improving your Spanish:**

1. Every day (or as much as possible), pick up a Spanish publication and read some of it. Some possible choices include “People Magazine en Español”, “Variedades”, “Hola”, or other such publications. These are available at local bookstores/magazine shops/etc. Car magazines, fashion magazines, etc. are all good alternatives. It is helpful to do some reading and to be exposed to Spanish publications. AND/OR read articles online in Spanish such as on-line newspapers, magazines, and web sites. Many search engines are available in Spanish.

2. Have some daily contact with Univisión or other Spanish programming on television or DVD. Some teachers recommend watching news programs such as “Primer Impacto,” or “Noticiero.” You will see and hear speakers from all of the Spanish-speaking countries. “Tu Desayuno Alegre,” is a morning talk show with music videos. You might like “Sábado gigante” as it combines a little bit of every type of show imaginable. There are also the “telenovelas,” if that interests you. Additionally, there are many different game shows. The more contact you can get with Spanish language and cultures, the better.

3. Listen to a variety of Spanish accents. Videos and DVDs are excellent resources, too, for listening to Spanish. While watching your favorite DVD this summer, select to hear or watch your DVD in the Spanish language. Watch the program and jot down some words or things you don’t understand or want to learn. You probably will not understand everything, but over time your understanding will increase. Another option is to record a show, then pick a 3-5 minute segment and keep rewinding it, working with it until you get most of what is going on. You might like working with music videos or commercials when you do this at first.

4. Seek out opportunities to listen to “live” Spanish. There are community cultural events and local churches that have activities and services in Spanish and local service organizations that provide services to the Spanish-speaking community. You can help others while helping yourself. Speak Spanish with family, friends, and co-workers.

5. Listen to Spanish music. Visit local music stores or download songs from the Internet. You may even want to consider Podcasts available in Spanish. There are some designed to teach Spanish as well as some for entertainment. (You may want to listen to more Notes in Spanish podcasts!)

6. Buy an AP Spanish Language practice book. All are fine, as long as they include the elements that are currently on the test. Any practice is better than none!