

AP Spanish Language and Culture

Summer Assignment 2017

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Due Date: First Day of Class Fall 2017

AP courses serve to model what the College Board has found to be the most commonly taught concepts at the university level in order to provide advanced students in High School with an opportunity to engage in various disciplines at levels beyond what normally is possible outside of the university.

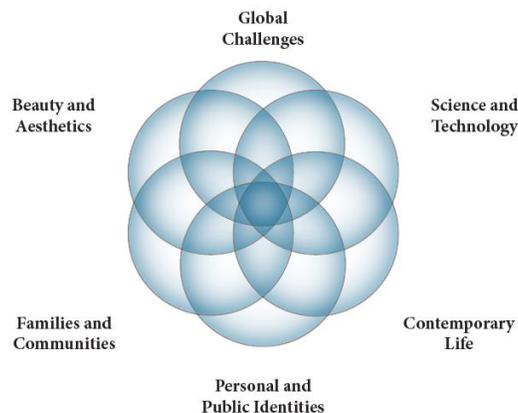
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AP Spanish Language and Culture is a college course that at the university level acts as a transition from language acquisition classes taught in the first two years of undergraduate studies to help prepare students for the advanced classes in the major. As such, the principal focus of the course is to equip students to engage authentic texts from Spanish speaking countries and develop advanced fluency in the language in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

At the university level, there is an expectation that at the same time students will be in the process of completing the Liberal Arts component of their undergraduate studies and thus will be generally familiar with a wide range of topics in both the Humanities and the Sciences. In addition, one of the central focuses of this course is help students develop the kinds of sophisticated thinking and communicative strategies that are hallmarks of the undergraduate university experience.

Our most significant challenge as students of AP Spanish comes in the form of the volume and the complexity of the language that we'll engage with in diverse cultural contexts over the course of next school year. For that reason, in order to help prepare you for our upcoming AP Spanish Language and Culture class, this summer you are going to complete two different assignments. Both assignments are intended to help you get a head start on what we will be exploring together in class and will help you be more successful on the exam in the Spring of 2018.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture exam is organized around six themes, and they form the basis of our exploration of the language. When selecting your summer assignment sources, please limit your selections for source material to those that are directly related to one of the six themes listed below:



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Assignment 1: Listening Log

The first is a listening log in which you're going to explore a variety of programs in Spanish dealing with any topics that you find interesting directly related to the six themes above. These programs may include videos, movies, radio programs, podcasts, documentaries, TV programs or any other media format that allows you to listen to Spanish made for native Spanish-speakers. For this assignment, you should listen to each source for 30 minutes at a time and prepare a brief summary and reaction to the program material in Spanish. In total, you will need to select and listen to at least 8 different programs and include a summary/reaction and source information for each.

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Assignment 2: Reading Log

Your second assignment is a reading log. Here you need to explore articles from newspapers and magazines online. They should not be documents translated from English. For each article that you read, you will need to prepare a summary of the article's contents and identify at least 10 new words and their definitions that you learned in the process. For your reading log, you will need to select at least 10 different articles from different sources. Each of the articles should again be related directly to one of the six themes for the course. Because the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam incorporates a wide variety of written texts, it is advantageous for you to select an eclectic group of articles in order to prepare for the course.

Language skills are highly perishable assets and require consistent practice, especially over the summer. The easiest way to an A in the class and a 5 on the exam is to make Spanish a big part of your personal life—and the summer is a great time to do that! Listen to music in Spanish, try your hand at making food from Latin America or Spain by following recipes on YouTube, read something interesting beyond what you're already doing (History books are amazing resources, especially about Latin America, novels can be very challenging but equally rewarding), and pick up a Telenovela habit 😊

The more you speak Spanish, the easier it's going to be!

