

AP French Summer Assignment

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Dear student:

Welcome to AP French! The most important part of preparing for AP French is practicing French every day. **I recommend that you spend at least 30 minutes a day reading, writing, or speaking French.** In order to assist you with this, I have listed below various sources that you can read, access, and listen to before beginning the course.

All students taking the course **need a copy of the novel Le Petit Prince** by Antoine de Saint-Éxupéry. We are doing a study on this novel in the fall.

In addition to listening or reading French every day, you will need to complete this summer assignment. This summer assignment is a project grade and is **due no later than Friday, August 9.**

Summer Assignment

You are being asked to write a paragraph about each of the topics below. Create it in a journal format. Each paragraph should look like a journal entry and should include the date you completed the journal entry. Your writing will be evaluated on your clarity in level of expression, comprehension, and grammar. Be sure to use clear punctuation and write neatly. Do not use any kinds of translators. They are a honor code violation and you will receive a 0% grade. However, feel free to use your current knowledge of the French language, your old French notes, and of course www.wordreference.com as a useful dictionary for looking up words to express yourself.

Your assignment will be graded as follows :

Score 5(100) : Excellent portrayal of thought, research, and effort, expression, and organization

Score 4 (90) : Good portrayal of thought, research, and effort, expression, and organization

Score 3 (80) : Average portrayal of thought, research, and effort, expression, and organization

Score 2 (70) : Passing, minimal portrayal of thought, research, and effort, expression, and organization

Score 1 (0-60) : Incomplete assignment or poor portrayal effort of thought, research, and effort, expression, and organization

Journal Entries (all should be written in French):

1) Une chanson

Write a paragraph (with a minimum of 5 sentences) about a French song you have discovered this summer. Provide the name of the song, the singer, and the message and meaning of the song.

2) Les Nouvelles:

Write a paragraph (with a minimum of 5 sentences) about a French article found on a news website. Choose one that seems interesting to you. Write a summary about what happened, who it affected, and why it is so important. List of possible website sources (on back) :

www.tv5.org
www.newspaperindex.com/fr/journaux/France
www.lemonde.fr/
www.france2.fr/
<http://www.france-amerique.com/>
<http://sites.radiofrance.fr/chaines/france-bleu/>

3) Un film:

Write a paragraph (with a minimum of 5 sentences) about a French film. You can find a critique or watch an actual film. Choose a genre that seems interesting to you. Write a summary about the plot of the movie, who the main actors/actresses are and also why you think this movie would be good or bad. If you actually end up watching the film, please mention this in your paragraph. Tell me if you enjoyed it or if it was bad. Also, were there any striking cultural differences that you observed ?

4) Une publicité:

Find a French advertisement (video, magazine, billboard...) and describe/critique it (at least 5 sentences) Who is the target audience ? What is the product ? What is the price ? Do you think it is a good ad or a bad one ?

4) Un fête/festival:

Research a French holiday or festival. Write at least 5 sentences describing what happens during this holiday or festival (it can be related to christmas, easter, mardi gras, Ramadan, the epiphany, halloween, or any other festivity that interests you).

5) Une recette:

Research a French recipe. Write at least 5 sentences describing the name of the recipe, the ingredients, and steps of how to make it.

Turn this in the first day of school or no later than Friday, August 9th.
See you soon !