

Spanish 4/AP Spanish Language & Culture

Summer Assignment

Google Classroom Join Code: xbx27cfa

Students should complete a minimum of 30-45 minutes **per week** of Spanish practice during the months of June and July, focusing primarily on reading and listening activities, in addition to vocabulary building and grammar review. I recommend doing a small portion of each required activity per week. Everything will be submitted on Google Classroom on the first day of school.

Assignment 1: Vocabulary Building

Students are expected to practice with vocabulary flashcard sets each week to help prepare them for the upcoming class. They should practice and then test themselves on each of the Quizlet vocabulary lists on our AP Spanish class Quizlet. Use this [link](#) to join and access the flashcard lists. No documentation is needed since Mrs. Elliott will be able to log in and see your time spent and “test” scores. The expectation is that students will be able to use and understand these words and phrases so **weekly practice** with them is encouraged for full credit.

Assignment 2: Reading Selections

Reading is a key component of developing biliteracy in a language. Complete the summer reading comprehension packet linked [here](#). Hard copies are also available. Instructions: Print and Read each selection first, note the vocabulary you need to look up, and keep a running list that will be turned in on Google Class. Then, answer the questions (indicated with a circle) that accompany each one. *Caution:* if you attempt to answer the questions before thoroughly reading the texts, you will miss important context clues and overall themes in the reading that will help you. This vocabulary list will be submitted on Google Classroom. I suggest using wordreference.com as your online dictionary to look up meaning for individual words. **Google translate is never acceptable.**

Assignment 3: Grammar Review & Listening Comprehension Practice

Grammar is not explicitly taught in AP Spanish Language & Culture. Students should already have a firm understanding and the ability to use a variety of grammar structures accurately. In order to refresh and prepare, each student will receive a login to the website thisislanguage.com for practice. On the site, students will complete a weekly grammar review task and a listening task during the month of July selected and assigned by Mrs. Elliott. Students should also write notes for any grammar topics they struggle with in their Spanish notebooks. *Caution:* I do not suggest waiting to do this at the last minute as these tasks will build up quickly. I suggest logging in once a week by Friday to complete them.

****Note:** If you are already on ThisisLanguage.com, your same login will be used. If you are new to the school, Mrs. Elliott will post your ThisisLanguage login information on google classroom.

AP ONLY: Assignment 4: Learn about the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam

Become familiar with everything that is published on the AP website about this exam. Look at the tips that the College board suggest to you:

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/Spanish_lang/exam.html?spanlang

When you have done this, please write a short summary (100 words) in English or Spanish of what you have learned about this exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to study best over the course of the year. You can also include hopes, plans, areas of concern, etc.

AP ONLY: Assignment # 5: Writing

Be careful not to translate directly from English to Spanish, nor use an online translation service, because you may not receive a score for your work. Please write a short essay (150-200 words; if you look up sources make sure you include them well in your writing; provide the source) for each one of the following topics:

- a- ¿Qué impacto tiene el desarrollo científico y tecnológico en nuestras vidas?
- b- ¿Cuáles son los retos de la vida contemporánea?
- c- ¿Cómo influye el idioma en la identidad de la persona?
- d- ¿Es necesario que los chicos y las chicas se hagan cirugías para ser populares?
- e- ¿Explica cómo el arte se refleja en la cultura de un pueblo?
- f- ¿Cuáles son los problemas del medio ambiente que enfrentan los países del planeta tierra? Explica.
- g- Compara y contrasta las costumbres de una familia americana con una familia hispana.