

Assignment #1: Familiarize yourself with the exam

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

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

1. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:
http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html
2. When you have done this, please write a short summary (60-100 words) in **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 your hopes, plans, areas of concern, etc.

Assignment #2: Reading Practice (10 points per article)

1. Reading comprehension and writing are important skills tested on the AP Spanish Language exam. To strengthen your Spanish comprehensions and writing skills over the summer, you will read and summarize 10 news articles in Spanish. You will also document new words you learn and use those words in original sentences. Use the form attached to this packet to record the articles you have read and write your summaries. Start now!

Where will I find news articles in Spanish? There are a number of news websites in Spanish available on the Internet.

News Websites in Spanish

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.universal.com.mx/noticias.html>

El Mercurio (Chile) http://www.diario.elmercurio.com/2010/05/05_portada/index.html

Yahoo en español <http://www.espanol.news.yahoo.com/>

Assignment #3: Listening/Viewing Practice (10 points)

Listen to the radio, news, etc. and document it with a summary of 5-7 sentences in Spanish. Do not forget to document the web page, radio name, etc. You may also fulfill this requirement by watching Spanish television, but it should be something of educational value with a lot of language use such as a news program. See log attached. Start now!

Vary the type of material you listen to. For example: listen to things related to the environment, politics, economics, tourism, etc. At the beginning it may be hard to understand the first time so you may listen to it more than once, takes notes, etc.

Assignment #4: Writing Practice (10 points per entry)

You will be required to write 10 journal entries of approximately 60 words (not including prepositions, etc.) on topics of your choice. These can be about your family, favorite TV show, favorite music group, etc. Be careful not to translate directly from English to Spanish, nor use any online translation service, as points will be deducted or you may not receive a score for that entry. All journal entries must be typed and emailed.

AP Spanish Language News Articles Record Sheet

Please complete the following information in SPANISH.

Título del artículo _____

Autor _____

Nombre del periódico o sitio web _____

Parte I. Escribe 10 palabras nuevas que leíste en artículo y sus definiciones en inglés.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Parte II. Escribe 5 frases originales usando 5 de las palabras nuevas que leíste en el artículo.

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Parte III. Escribe un resumen del artículo (extensión mínima 60 palabras).
