

## **AP 4 Spanish Language and culture Summer Assignments 2017**

The summer assignment is intended to give students a better idea of what to expect on the AP exam as well as to encourage practice with the language over the summer. It is also intended to better prepare students for the course and make the AP SPANISH experience more beneficial overall.

Taking this assignments seriously and spacing its requirements out over the summer will benefit you greatly. Do not wait until the week before school starts to begin the assignment. Have some practice and enjoy the summer!

### **ASSIGNMENT #1**

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

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep\\_lang.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html)

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/spanish\\_lang/exam.html?spanlang](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.

### **ASSIGNMENT #2**

#### **GRAMMAR EXERCISES**

Grammar exercises must be written/printed

Do the activities for the following grammar tenses using this website:

<http://www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php>

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

1. Present Tense: regular AR verbs, Regular ER and IR verbs, Stem Changing Verbs  
Stem changing Verbs 2, Present Tense Verb Chart
2. Preterite Tense: Verb conjugation charts: preterite tense
3. Preterite vs Imperfect:
4. Future Tense: Future Tense Forms
5. Conditional Tense: Conditional Forms

6. Subjunctive Mood: Exercise 1 Subjunctive Forms, Exercise 3 Subjunctive Forms, verb conjugation charts: Present subjunctive, Present perfect subjunctive, imperfect subjunctive and Pluscuamperfect subjunctive.
7. Perfect Tenses: Present Perfect Tense, Conditional Perfect Tense.

### **ASSIGNMENT #3**

#### **LISTENING / WRITTEN COMPREHENSION**

You can use songs, movies, radio, news (see links below). 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 news program.

Vary the type of material to which you listen. 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, take notes, etc.

From each of the following websites do the following:

-Watch ONE video from each one of the websites below

-Write for every video/Article a 10-15 line paragraph summary about what you heard and understood. Remember to include Transition Words, Subjunctive and Perfect tenses.

1. Univisión Noticias Videos:  
[www.noticias.univision.com/videos](http://www.noticias.univision.com/videos)
2. BBC Mundo una voz independiente:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/video/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/video/index.shtml)
3. Multimedia de las Naciones Unidas:  
[www.un.org/es/multimedia/](http://www.un.org/es/multimedia/)
4. El Mercurio de Chile noticias:  
<http://www.emol.com/>
5. El Universal (México)  
[www.eluniversal.com/](http://www.eluniversal.com/)  
Look for (buscar): El Universal RADIO
6. El Tiempo (Colombia) look for videos  
[www.eltiempo.com](http://www.eltiempo.com)
7. Radio televisión española: Noticias/Radio  
[www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

## **ASSIGNMENT #4**

### **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 ( c.150 words) 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 una persona?
- d) ¿Es necesario que los chicos y las chicas se hagan cirugías para ser populares?
- e) ¿Explica cómo se refleja el arte en la cultura de un pueblo?
- f) ¿Cuáles son los problemas del medio ambiente que enfrentan los países del planeta tierra? Explica
- g) ¿Cuáles situaciones difíciles enfrentan los jóvenes con respecto al autoestima?
- h) ¿Cómo influyen los medios de comunicación en nuestras perspectivas de la belleza?

Compara y contrasta los siguientes temas: (escribe brevemente utilizando los conectores para comparar y contrastar)

- Las costumbres de una familia americana con una familia hispana
- La educación en los países hispanos y la de los Estados Unidos
- El sistema de salud de Estados Unidos y Latinoamérica.
- Las diversiones y el tiempo de ocio de los adolescentes hispanos y norteamericanos.

Some of these summer assignment will be received for grades during your first 9 weeks of school.

¡Qué tengan un fantástico verano!