

Buchanan High School A.P. Spanish and Culture

Summer Assignment (2020-2021)

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The ultimate goal of the AP Spanish Language and Culture course is to further develop and strengthen students' communication skills in Spanish. The course will be conducted completely in Spanish. AP Spanish Language students must have a strong background in Spanish, as well as, an exemplary work ethic, as evidenced by grades received in previous courses. It is also essential that the students feel motivated not only to improve their language skills in the target language, but also interested in discovering the cultural riches of the Hispanic culture. Please note that, this course covers the equivalent of a third-year college course in advanced Spanish.

This Summer Assignment has been designed to give an overview of the language skills which need to be master throughout the school year.

- **Listening:** Students are “recommended” to view and listen to Spanish programming (Univision, Telemundo, TV Azteca, etc.). Also, read magazines, newspapers, or internet articles. A.P. students must also work on interpreting charts and graphs used as informational data in Spanish. These will prepare you for the multiple choice section of the exam. [will work on it in class]
- **Grammar:** Review all tenses studied in Spanish 1, 2 and 3. (**Present, Past, Future, Conditional, Commands, and Subjunctive**). This will prepare you for the writing sections of the exam. (please go to my website)
- **Speaking: Please** “practice” Two minute Cultural Comparisons presentation (on the fly). **For example:**
Compara una tradición de Los Estados Unidos con una tradición similar de un país hispanohablante: *¿Cómo se celebra una Quinceañera en México, comparada con un “Sweet 16”. Or Halloween vs. Día de los muertos.*
- **Speaking:** (20 second response) You will also be asked to answer a phone call. Caller will ask you five questions and you must respond to each of these for 20 seconds non-stop. These activities will prepare you for the informal and formal speaking component of the exam. [this activity will be practiced and assessed during class time]

- **Readings:** Each student will be given specific reading material. Must read and answer each set of questions accordingly. (Please visit my website and find reading material, work on Reading Comprehension Skills).
- **Email Response (Formal Letter):** You will be asked to respond to an e-mail from a source, and you must reply formal register (Usted). [this will be assigned and assess in class]
- **This overview** of the A.P. Spanish course will help you to familiarize and start preparing you for the Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking components of the course, along with strengthening your language skills for the A.P. Spanish Exam.

Due First Week of Class***

You will due a search on the following topics, then write about them (225 words each/paragraph format).

- *¿Es importante la educación universitaria para vivir el sueño americano?*
- *¿Se debe celebrar una fiesta para las chicas de 15 años?*
- *¿Crees que la cirugía plástica puede traer la felicidad a una persona?*
- *¿Cuál es el tema del artículo “1970’s en un rinconcito de mi corazón, por Nicolás Mareshall” (go to, Community Alliance, Fresno/Spanish Section)*

Notation:

Each of these essays will be graded accordingly. Will check for elaboration of the given topics, as well as, proper use of Grammar. Please **underline** the Transition words and Verbs you used (underline only new conjugations). **Essays must be handwritten.**

Voice-Memo:

Please record a 2 ½ minute presentation on the following questions:

- *¿Cuál es el papel del gobierno en el bienestar de una sociedad?*
- *¿Cómo ha cambiado el estatus de la mujer en la sociedad?*
- *¿Cuáles son las ventajas y desventajas de estar en universidad grande?*
- **Please send these to:** nicolasgonzalez@clovisusd.k12.ca.us
- **(please be advised that, points will be deducted if over 2 ½ minutes)**

Resources:

- **Google (Spanish)**
- Link to Practice Test: <http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap-spanish-language-and-culture-course-and-exam-description.pdf>

- [Website: www.tinyurl.com/profe-gonzalez](http://www.tinyurl.com/profe-gonzalez)

¡Feliz verano!