The AP French Language Exam is a 3 to 4 hour-long skills-based exam testing your abilities and proficiency in French. It is not a memorization-based exam like most other AP exams. It is performance-based. You are “on-stage” in French for over 3 hours, integrating all of your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, as well as cultural information acquired during your French studies over the years. AP French Language 5 & 6 is a class that is for highly motivated learners and is an intense, demanding course. Our goal is for you to pass the exam by receiving at least a 3 on the exam after the completion of this course. If you earn a 4 or 5 on the exam, you will be certified as bilingual and will be recognized with a Seal of Biliteracy on your diploma, and a medal to wear at graduation!

The following summer assignment is designed for students who will take the AP French Language Culture Course level 5 or 6 in the 2023-2024 school year in order to better prepare them for an advanced language course and to make the AP French Language experience more beneficial overall. 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. Taking this assignment seriously and spacing its requirements out over the course of the summer will benefit you greatly. Do NOT wait until the week before school starts to begin this assignment! Waiting until later and trying to do it all at once takes away the continual practice this assignment should provide. The point is to use your French throughout the summer!

I understand that summer can be busy (mine always is!). I do not expect that you spend hours on these assignments every week. I do expect that you practice your French regularly and improve your skills over the summer. The suggested due dates are not as important as making sure you do all of the activities spaced out throughout the summer, especially since the assignments are designed to provide continual use of the language all summer long, which in turn will directly impact your performance in the course. The following activities are the minimum requirements to be completed by all students enrolled in the AP French Language course. Even though the assignments are to be completed during the summer, they will be collected beginning the week of September 11th, 2023 with the exact due date for each assignment to be announced in class. These assignments will be graded and entered into the grade book for Marking Period 1 in the fall, so they will impact your success in the course as each of these assignments is worth 10 points.

First, set up these folders:

ONE folder in your BCPS OneDrive entitled “AP French 2023-24”

Inside that folder, 6 folders entitled:

1. Travail indépendant
2. Vocabulaire
3. Grammaire
4. Culture
5. Préparation pour l’examen
The following assignment will be saved in your AP French folder: “Préparation pour l’examen”:

1. AP Test Reflection: Familiarize yourself with the AP French Language & Culture by completing the worksheet sections entitled “The exam” and “The 6 Themes of the course.”

   Suggested completion date: 6/30/2023

The following assignments will be saved in your AP French folder: “Travail indépendant”:

2. Interpretive Reading:

   Choice 1: Using the internet or a French-speaking publication, find 2 articles about a topic or topics of your choice. Make sure your articles are from a French-speaking country and are NOT translated from English or another language. Then, complete one 50-word writing activity* for each article.

   Choice 2: You may choose to read one authentically Francophone novel in French (written originally in French) and write a 100-word summary and reaction to what you read. Make sure your novel is from a French-speaking country and is NOT translated from English/another language. Then, complete a 100-word writing activity* for the novel.

   *Writing Activity: Be sure to give a copy of (or the link to) the article/novel in the document with its summary.

   In two article summaries of 50 words (or one of 100 for novel):
   a. Answer who, what, when, where and why in a short summary and
   b. write a personal reaction to the text.

   Suggested completion dates: 7/15/2023 and 8/1/2023

3. Interpretive Listening:

   Choice 1: Using the internet or a French-speaking program, find 2 audio sources in French about a topic of your choice. Make sure your audio selections are from a French-speaking country and are NOT translated from English. Then, complete a 50-word writing activity* for each audio. Be sure to give Madame the links to each audio!

   Choice 2: You may watch an authentic film or TV series in French (this may not be a movie translated/dubbed from English to French). You should watch at least 90 minutes (a typical film length). Then, complete a 100-word writing activity* for the film. If you are entering French 5, you may watch with subtitles on in French or English. If you are entering French 6, your subtitles should be in French!

   *Writing Activity: Be sure to give the links to the audio source or to the film source with the summary.

   In two summaries of 50 words (or one of 100 for film):
   a. Answer who, what, when, where and why in a short summary and
   b. write a personal reaction to the audio.

   Suggested completion dates: 7/10/2023 and 8/20/2023

News Websites in French to help begin your search for articles or audio sources:

   http://www.bbcchannels.com/bbc-france/
Radio France Internationale http://www.rfi.fr/
Le Monde http://www.lemonde.fr/
France 24 http://www.france24.com/fr/
Français facile http://www.podcastfrancaisfacile.com/
4. **Presentational Writing:** (Almost) every week, you will write a journal entry, *en français*. You will be required to write 8 journal entries that are EACH at least one side of one page. You must HAND-WRITE these entries on the AP Summer Assignment Worksheets. You may change the dates at the top. You could write EIGHT entries of one side of a piece of paper each, or FOUR longer entries of two sides (if you have a LOT to say that day!), or even 16 shorter (half-side) entries, but either way, you’ll write 8 sides total over the course of the summer on any (school-appropriate) topics of your choice. These can be about your family, a vacation, your feelings, etc. Be careful NOT to translate directly from English to French, nor use any online translation service. All journals must be hand-written. If you look up any words using WordReference you must circle them. Suggested pacing: one entry per week

5. **Presentational Speaking:**

**PART ONE:** You will do a “show and tell” for your class about your summer. During the second week of school, each student will give a 3- to 5-minute-long presentation that will:

- a) highlight the most important aspects of different activities you have done in the months of June, July, and August respectively,
- b) include suggestions/recommendations for other students about how to spend their next summer, trying to persuade them to do what you did or to encourage them to not do what you did because of unfortunate results,
- c) include appropriate regalia (objects like travel souvenirs) or visuals to go along with your presentation. You can create a PowerPoint, or use the ELMO document camera to show the class items or a piece of paper. Your visuals can be photos on your phone, printed, or in a PowerPoint, or they could be drawings, clipart, or even objects like keychains or snow-globes…. bring visuals that make your presentation fun to watch!

**NOTE:** There should be NO WORDS written in the presentation itself!!! (Labeling a slide “juillet” is okay. Putting “Chicago” on a slide of photos from your trip to Chicago would be okay.)

The presentations must last at least three minutes and no more than five minutes.

The following assignment will be saved in your AP French folder: “Culture”:

**PART TWO:** You will be adopting and studying one French-speaking country for all of the 2023-2024 school year. Only one student may adopt each country (so we don’t have 5 people telling us the same exact things!). Madame Snyder will assign you a country before summer. If she has not yet done so, email her! Over the summer, prepare your first 3-5 minute presentation about your adopted country. Include most of* these:

*You may choose one item to skip from this list ➔

If you are working on these assignments over the summer and need to reach me, I will be checking e-mail weekly and will respond as soon as I can! wsnyder@bcps.org
Mon journal du 28 juin

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Mon journal du 5 juillet

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Mon journal du 19 juillet
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Mon journal du 2 août
Mon journal du 9 août
Mon journal du 16 août
The Exam

Use these resources, or your own knowledge to fill in the blank spaces:

The AP French Language and Culture Exam assesses student understanding of the skills and learning objectives outlined in the course framework. The exam is just over 3 hours long and includes 65 multiple-choice questions and 4 free-response questions. The details of the exam, including exam weighting and timing, can be found below:

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The exam lasts over ____ hours and consists of 65 ______________ questions and 4 __________________ questions.

First, you write a(n) __________________. Then you write a(n) ____________________________.

For speaking, you respond in a ______________________, then speak about a ____________________________.

Resources:
https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-french-language-and-culture/exam
The 6 Themes of the course

Use online resources, or your own knowledge to label each circle with the name of the theme:

The theme I find most interesting is __________________________ because __________
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The theme I find least interesting is __________________________ because __________
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The theme I find most tied to my Prime is __________________________ because ______
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Other thoughts? ____________________________________________________________