

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT – STUDENTS ENTERING AP SPANISH LANGUAGE 2011

I. LISTENING/READING/WRITING PODCAST ASSIGNMENT. (4 entries total 500 word minimum)

Go to the following link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/mh/>. Then listen to the news of the Hispanic World (it is a Podcast of 15 minutes and you can listen to it several times if you want). You may want to have these podcasts automatically downloaded via iTunes. Then choose a headline that interests you and search for a detailed article about the topic (in Spanish, of course). You may find it back at the bbc mundo homepage <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/index.shtml> or another online source. Read the article, print it out and write a summary of the article. The summary should be at least 125 words. Attach the article to the summary and pass it in with your summer Diario (see II.). *I highly recommend that you attempt to listen to these podcasts daily, but only two per month are required to have an article summary.* You may also want to listen to the Radio Naciones Unidas podcasts, either by downloading from iTunes or directly from the website: http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/spanish/la_onu_en_minutos.html
<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/id306300922>

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II. WRITING (4 entries total 500 word minimum)

You should keep a “diario” all summer (basically 2 in July and 2 in August). It will consist of 4 entries, of 125 words each (for a total of 500 words, *please include a word count*. 1 entry each month should involve simply talking about what you have been doing. The grammatical focus should be preterite/imperfect. The other entry each month should be on some other topic: what you plan to do in the future, your hopes and dreams for next year and beyond, your feelings on world events, etc. I will be looking for utilization of subjunctive, future/conditional, perfect tenses. There should be a representation of all of the tenses in Spanish. In addition, I expect to see transition words (bolded) and pay attention to your noun/adjective and noun/verb agreement. You should pass this “diario” in the first day of class with your podcast articles and summaries. It will represent two test grades.

III. READING

You have been given two stories and one play to read. The two stories (“Fuego” and “En las sombras del cinematógrafo”) should be read, questions answered and you should be prepared for a summer reading test (true/false content) on the second day of class. The play (“La venda” by Unamuno) should also be read, questions answered, passed in the first day of class. We will then discuss the play and you will be tested after the discussion is complete.

IV. VERB REVIEW

You have been given review sheets involving all the verb tenses we have covered this year. Please do the exercises (spread out over the summer, not all the last week!) and check your answers (answers are provided on last 3 pages of packet). Try and keep track of your problem areas and refer back to your red workbook to help you out. Any major areas of concern will be dealt with in the fall. Remember that we still have quite a bit of new grammar still to cover the first semester.

Mastery lessons 1-5: Present (regular, irregular, stem change, spelling change), Preterite/Imperfect

Mastery lessons 7-11: Future, Conditional, Perfect tenses, Progressive tenses, gerunds, reflexives

Mastery lessons 13-17 Passive voice, subjunctive, commands

V. LISTENING COMPREHENSION

It is very important to maintain and improve your listening comprehension skills. Listen to online podcasts (such as the advanced level of www.notesinspanish.com). Try and watch bbc mundo videos or any Spanish channel every once in a while. Listen to Spanish music in the car or at home.

VI. SPEAKING (Do what you can with your classmates)

I have given you this work to help you get a head-start on next year and to prepare you as best as I can for the new AP exam next May. However, much of your success will depend on the amount of work you are prepared to do outside of class. If you come to class in September with a positive attitude and work ethic, then I am sure that we will all have a very successful year. Con cariño, Sra. Drobnis