

Welcome to AP Spanish Language and Culture!

The purpose of AP Spanish is to expose you to the major concepts of linguistic and cultural knowledge that will be added to what you have already achieved, and to help you succeed on the AP Exam. It will also help you communicate with people in and from Spanish-speaking countries and cultures. Students are introduced to five (5) broad concepts:

1. Interpretive Communication (Print and Audio Texts)
2. Interpersonal Writing: E-mail Reply
3. Presentational Writing: Persuasive Essay
4. Interpersonal Speaking: Conversation
5. Presentational Speaking: Cultural Comparison

The goal of this course is to help you develop your knowledge of the Spanish language with a high content of culture of the 21 Spanish speaking countries and Spain.

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Over the summer, I need you to work on your reading of different sources.

1. Start by reading articles from the following websites; for a month's time, get comfortable reading articles from each website. Note that some of the sites have video and audio as well. These as well are great ways to practice for the AP Spanish course. Keep a daily log for a month including the website, date, article name(s) and a few notes in Spanish reflecting some main bullet points that you read. Include 2-3 Spanish sentences detailing your personal point of view of what you read. You should be reading daily so make it a serious effort.

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

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

[muyinteresante.es](http://muyinteresante.es)

[www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es)

2. After spending a month reading the websites, please do a written Spanish comparison among 4 specific articles you have read (compare 4 different articles from each website) and include a Spanish description of how each article reflects on the following themes:

**community, technology and science, beauty, contemporary life or living, world challenges/problems and personal identity.**

Finally, tie in a cultural perspective : what are you learning specifically about the area in the Spanish speaking world that is relevant? What do you personally view as important regarding what you have read? Write in complete and detailed Spanish sentences.

Good luck and see you soon in AP Spanish language!!!!

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