

# AP French Summer Assignment

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To: Students taking **AP French** for the upcoming school year

To prepare yourself for the French Language AP Exam in May, there are several suggestions I have to help you.

1. Become familiar with EVERYTHING that is published on the AP website about this exam. Remember the format of the exam will be new in 2012. We will talk about this more in the fall.  
[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers\\_corner/2152.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/2152.html)
2. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:  
[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep\\_lang.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html)

**Assignment #1: After having studied the format of the exam, send me an email to [pfitts@gracechristian.net](mailto:pfitts@gracechristian.net). The email must be written in French stating that you have read and understood this information. You now have a better idea on how to prepare yourself for the exam.**

**(Due no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.)**

After this assignment has been completed, you will then receive e-mails from me throughout the summer. You will reply in French. With these e-mails I will share with you multiple websites where you will be required to do an activity. You will watch the news for example. You will also create podcasts. I hope we have fun with this. It will help us to get jumpstarted at the beginning of the year!

## **Assignment # 2: Choose any twelve videos from Yabla. Submit your practices by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Username/ Password:** ask Mrs. Fitts for this information– this is an account that GRACE has set up for us. Please use it responsibly!

You will go to [www.french.yabla.com](http://www.french.yabla.com)

This is the website that we used frequently in French 3. From this site, you will choose various videos to watch. You **MUST** watch at least 12 of them. You **MUST** also choose from 12 different categories. You may not use the English translation bar at the bottom of the screen. Get in the habit of clicking on “Hide” when you choose a new video. You are required however, to use the French writing that accompanies the videos. Yabla was clever enough to create a tool which enables you to look up words immediately simply by clicking on it. As an added bonus, you will be creating your own flashcards each time you click on an unknown word! What makes this even more interesting is that you will each be using the same account. As each one of you watches a video, you will be adding to the flashcard bank. This will be a wonderful collective effort.

Remember to take the quiz after each video you watch. You may take it as many times as you would like. You **MUST** record which video you watched and write a brief summary of it in French. You will use the log sheet for this. **DO NOT** watch any videos lower than a “2”. Anything less than a 2 will be too easy for you. I want to see you increase the level of difficulty as you work through the summer. Also, look for speakers from different parts of the world. Each video is tagged with level of difficulty and where the narrator is from. It is important that you expand the repertoire of accents beyond Parisian French. It is necessary for you to be exposed to various accents from different parts of the world.

## **Assignment #3: Read “Les Misérables” and answer the questions in your packet. Submit answers to discussion questions by August 1.**

Pace yourself with this assignment. It is imperative that you work on reading strategies over the summer. Make notes, flash cards, highlight, and write questions – anything to help you build up your reading skills. Your first speaking/writing assignment of the school year will be to construct a critique of the play.





