

Summer Assignment 2021

AP French

Please message me on
Schoology by June 9 with a
book title.

-You'll need to read in French this summer in order to refine your skills and prepare for the fall.

1) Choose a French-language novel. It is a good idea actually to pick a book that you have already read in English and know that you like. This is a great way to become comfortable with reading in French. It is more important to read slowly, naturally, and enjoy the process of reading rather than push yourself to "learn more." Just relax and read; you'll pick up on vocabulary and grammar quite naturally when you focus on meaning. I have books here in the classroom - you can pick one up on Friday, May 28 OR Tuesday June 1. Just stop in or let me know if you'd like me to leave it in the office for you.

2) Send me a message on Schoology to indicate what book you are reading. Please send your message no later than Wednesday, June 9.

3) Keep a reading log. Try to read at least 15 minutes every day. Write down the page number you start on, the page number you finish on, and the number of minutes you read. Hopefully you will notice that you read faster with practice, but don't make this a priority per se.

4) Look up unknown words ONLY at the end of a chapter or section. DON'T LOOK UP every unknown word as you read. Give yourself time to develop some ambiguity tolerance.

5) Create a list of new words. I'm not going to give you the number of new words you are supposed to write down; try to include words you expect will be common and useful to have.

-You'll need to watch video content in French language in order to get more comfortable listening for meaning.

-Most video streaming services will allow you to watch French language content. It is okay to put movies and shows that you already like in French.

-I recommended watching a show or movie in French 2-3 times per week. As you watch, add to your words-list (see 5 above) any words that you notice and expect will be helpful to know going forward.

So, make sure you spend some time reading and watching in French this summer. Keep a log as you read, and generate a list of vocabulary that you expect will be useful. Remember; we acquire language in only one way. We need to focus on the MEANING of what is being said - not HOW it is being said. So relax, read, watch, and trust yourself to get better slowly. Just do a little bit every day and we'll be ready to work hard in the fall.

Merci, et bonne chance!

~Bidwell