

ADVANCED PLACEMENT FRENCH 2010-2011

Dear student,

Welcome to French Advanced Placement. This is a rigorous and challenging, yet rewarding course. You will access authentic French material and enrich your language skills and enjoyment of the language. Below is a summary of things to expect and the summer preparation program. Enjoy and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

1. Truth and fiction

- There will be homework every day.
- The average will be 30-45 minutes per day.
- Completion of homework accurately (40%) and participation in class in French (30%) count more than test grades (20%). Accountability (10%).
- There is much reading and writing.
- It's a small, intimate and focused class (five students).
- All members will take the AP test in May.
- All members must have a French-English dictionary, a conjugation book, and a cassette tape player-recorder and two blank tapes.
- All members must become a Wisconsin Badgers and Green Bay Packers fan! Not really. That's the fiction part. But it is recommended.

2. Summer reading and writing

- Easy French Reader (ISBN: 978-0-07-142848-4), available at Borders - read and do the questions (The answers may be brief.); submit it to me when school starts in August. The book begins very easy and becomes more sophisticated later. That's a good thing!
- Paris Match and Phosphor – read through each. No writing necessary. See me for a copy.
- Email me three times about what you have read and what is happening with you, in French, of course.
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- Keep a journal/diary in French – submit it to me when school starts in August. Daily entries are not necessary and they don't need to be long; just do it with some regularity.