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General Directions
Read the assignment descriptions carefully. Each assignment has two required activities. You may use dictionaries, grammar books, etc. Local libraries and community centers are excellent resources. The Success on the AP French Exam guide may also help as you complete your summer assignments. You may enjoy watching videos or television programs with other students and discussing the activities and your opinions. If so, be sure that your work is still yours, not the other students’.

Required Summer Assignments
1. **Speaking**- For “**Parler en français**” you will need to **read the attached assignment** and record yourself speaking. You may use an audio tape, CD, or MP3 file to turn in your assignment. Be certain to maintain a backup copy of your work because you are responsible for any electronic submissions.

2. **Listening and Writing**- For “**Écouter et écrire en français**” you will need to **read the attached assignment** and watch and listen to a French movie. Summarize the content by responding to the prompt. This assignment reinforces advance listening and writing skills.

3. **Writing/grammar**- For “**Écrire en français**” you will need to **read the attached assignment** and write to reinforce advance grammar structures in the target language. Respond to the prompt provided in a well-developed handwritten composition with an introduction, body, and closing, noting examples and personal experiences.

4. **Reading**- For “**Lire en français**” you will need to have access to the Internet. Visit http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/france.htm or http://www.ipl.org/div/news/browse/FR/. **Read the attached assignment** and choose a newspaper published in French. After reading the article, write a summary. Submit your assignment with the title and webpage.

Part I: Speaking in French
**Parler en français**

Find a picture or a series of three pictures with many activities. Examine the picture(s) for specific details. Take notes. Then record yourself, creating a story for the picture or picture sequences. You may speak for 1 to 2 minutes only. Do not stop the tape recorder during the taping! Turn in the picture or picture series along with the recordings.

Part II: Listening and Writing in French
**Écouter et écrire en français**
Access the movie *Jean de Florette*. Watch it two times without English subtitles. Then write a ½-page synopsis of the movie adding some personal experiences you have had in your life that are similar to the circumstances in the film. Finally, give your personal reaction to the film.

**Part III: Writing in French**  
**Écrire en français**

Un proverbe français dit: <<Les voyages forment la jeunesse.>> Selon vous, quel rôle est-ce que les voyages peuvent jouer dans le développement des jeunes de votre âge?

A French proverb says, "Traveling shapes youth." According to you, what role can travel play in the formation of young people of your age. Respond to the prompt in a well-developed handwritten composition with an introduction, body, and closing, noting examples and personal experiences.

**Part IV: Reading in French**  
**“Lire en français” (Reading in French)**


Search the Internet, go to a French newspaper site, and find an article of your choice. Read the article and write a summary giving your personal opinion of the article. Submit your assignment with the title and web site.

**Resources**

**Grammar Practice**

An AP French student should be familiar with all tenses. It is a good idea to review grammar taught at earlier levels. Go to http://www.classzone.com. There are several levels and activities from which to choose. The following websites may be helpful to practice grammar as well as vocabulary.

www.quia.com  
http://french.about.com/  
www.apcentral.collegeboard.com
Other Helpful Websites
These are widely accessible. In some cases, they provide direct links to television, radio, and newspapers from many locations throughout the French-speaking world.

www.Elle.fr; www.parismatch.com
www.lemonde.fr
www.lefigaro.fr
http://www.comfm.com/radio/
www.Franc-Amérique.com
www.lepetitjournal.com

These sites offer great support for writing in French. Rules for punctuation, capitalization, etc. are included here along with helpful vocabulary lists.

http://www.nvcc.edu/home/lfranklin/lettres/
http://french.about.com/
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/
http://bonpatron.com