

# AP Summer Assignment



**Course:** AP Spanish

**Assignment title:** Current events in Spanish-speaking communities

**Due Date:** First day of class

**Estimated time for completion:** 4-8 hours

**Resources needed to complete assignment:** internet access and a composition book (or other notebook – check with your teacher)

**How the assignment will be assessed:** Each entry will be scored on thoroughness and completion.

**Purpose of assignment:** Increase proficiency while becoming familiar with the required themes.

In Spanish AP, there are six required themes, each accompanied by contexts and essential questions. The six themes are presented in this document and on the College Board website.

The focus of the summer assignment is on current events and their connections to the themes of Spanish AP. During the summer, maintain a journal of reflections from news reports you read and hear. It is recommended that you follow the news each week. You are required to journal information from eight reports. Four entries must be from text sources and four entries must be from audio resources. Suggested sources are listed at the end of this document.

## For each news report:

1. Copy the title, the source, and the date of publication or broadcast.
2. Identify the theme and context under which the news report belongs. **You must use each theme at least once in the journal.**
3. Write the name of the country/countries reported on in the broadcast. **All reports you choose for your journal must focus on a Spanish-speaking country. You must have at least three countries represented in your journal.**
4. Maintain a list of at least 10 new and useful terms from each report. For each term, look up the English translation and the Spanish definition. Choose a definition that matches the contextual use of the term.
5. Summarize the report in 50-100 words.
6. Create two questions asking for more information about the topic of the report.
7. Write an opinion statement about the report, followed by two supporting statements.

In addition to completing the current events journal, it is highly recommended that all students visit the College Board website to read about the exam, complete, practices, and review examples from other students.

**The use of Internet tools to translate sentence-length texts from English to Spanish when writing your homework is detrimental to your learning, easy to detect, and strictly prohibited because it violates the YCSD Honor Code. Use of these tools will earn the grade of zero (0).**

## Themes/contexts: (Use each at least once)

<p><b>GLOBAL CHALLENGES</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Economic Issues Environmental Issues Philosophical Thought and Religion Population and Demographics Social Welfare Social Conscience</p>	<p><b>PERSONAL AND PUBLIC IDENTITIES</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Alienation and Assimilation Heroes and Historical Figures National and Ethnic Identities Personal Beliefs Personal Interests Self-Image</p>
<p><b>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Access to Technology Effects of Technology on Self and Society Health Care and Medicine Innovations Natural Phenomena Science and Ethics</p>	<p><b>FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Customs and Values Education Communities Family Structure Global Citizenship Human Geography Social Networking</p>
<p><b>CONTEMPORARY LIFE</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Education and Careers Entertainment Travel and Leisure Lifestyles Relationships Social Customs and Values Volunteerism</p>	<p><b>BEAUTY AND AESTHETICS</b></p> <p><i>Contexts:</i></p> <p>Architecture Defining Beauty Defining Creativity Fashion and Design Language and Literature Visual and Performing Arts</p>
<p><b>Suggested resources:</b></p> <p>BBC Mundo: <a href="http://www.bbcmundo.com">www.bbcmundo.com</a> El País: <a href="http://www.elpais.com">www.elpais.com</a> Univisión: <a href="http://www.univision.com">www.univision.com</a> Centro de Noticias: ONU <a href="http://www.un.org/spanish/News/">http://www.un.org/spanish/News/</a> CNN: <a href="https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/">https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/</a> Radiofrancia Internacional, America's broadcasts: <a href="http://es.rfi.fr/americas/">http://es.rfi.fr/americas/</a></p>	