

AP FRENCH SUMMER 2016

Subscribe to French-Word-A Day (<http://www.french-word-a-day.typepad.com/motdujour/>), **keep a vocabulary list of the word-a-day & it's model sentence (this gives you the context).** You are responsible for all the words posted during the summer. In the Blog that follows the simple word-a-day, there is more vocabulary in context—add it to your list with the ENGLISH sentence in which it occurs. *Bring all work in with you for our two “early bird” sessions in August! **BE SURE TO LISTEN** to any sentences recorded using the word of the day. Try learning them, too.*

READ the New York Times at least once a week searching for one article per week on a about a Francophone country (including the European French-speaking countries) on a different AP topic : Global Challenges such as diversity issues, environmental issues, health issues, human rights issues, peace & war, and nutrition & safety issues. **Summarize it in 5 sentences of FRENCH.** DO NOT USE A TRANSLATOR PROGRAM—consult a dictionary & be sure to consider the contexts when choosing the appropriate translation term for the technical words. Beware of your phone dictionaries—they have a lot of errors & do not provide context possibilities. Sometimes just asking Google (“How do you say “interest rate” in French”) will give you a good term. That does not count as a translator program. **Bring in your summaries in August.**

**Discuss the following essential questions with your parents/grandparents or friends in English. You need to come into AP with ideas—we'll work on the vocab. together.**

- 1)What environmental, political, & social issues propose challenges to societies throughout the world?
- 2)What are the origins of those issues?
- 3)What are possible solutions to those challenges?
- 4)How do developments in science & technology affect our lives?
- 5)What factors have driven innovation & discovery in the fields of science & technology?
- 6)What role do ethics play in scientific advancement?
- 7)How do societies & individuals define quality of life?
- 8)How is contemporary life influenced by cultural products?
- 9)What are the challenges of contemporary life?
- 10)What constitutes a family in different societies?
- 11)How do individuals contribute to the well-being of communities?
- 12)How do the roles that families & communities differ around the world?
- 13)How are perceptions of beauty & creativity established?
- 14)How do ideals of beauty and aesthetics influence daily life?
- 15)How do the arts both challenge & reflect cultural perspectives?

Watch at least 5 films during the summer (DVD's)—either authentic French films or your favorite American films with BOTH LANGUAGE and SUBTITLES selected in French.