

## French AP Summer Assignment 2014 : LOTS TO DO !

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!*

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. If this is not possible, at least have the language selected be French. Keep a list of your films & several expressions that you learned for the first time from the film. For **additional listening** go to RFI.fr or TV5.org. Bring in your list in August.

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 different AP topic : Global Challenges such as diversity issues, environmental issues, health issues, human rights issues, peace & war, and nutrition & safety issues. BRING in the article (print-it out or cut it out) and **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 or friends in English:**

- 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 does 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 assume 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?