To: Students Taking AP Spanish for the Upcoming School Year (2025-2026)

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If you are considering taking the Spanish Language AP Exam in May 2026, I have several suggestions to help you begin preparing for the test.

1. Become familiar with EVERYTHING published on the AP website about this exam: AP Spanish Language Exam.
2. Review the tips that the College Board suggests for you: College Board Tips.
3.

ASSIGNMENT

After completing these steps, please write a short summary (200 words) in Spanish about what you have learned regarding this exam. Include some ideas on how you plan to study best throughout the year. You can also share your hopes, plans, areas of concern, etc. This assignment is due August 10, 2020.

Once you have followed these steps, you will have a better idea of how to prepare yourself in the most efficient way possible. Here are some websites to assist you:

1. You know that you have grammar issues to address (especially verb forms!). There is the ever-famous Barbara K. Nelson site that I just LOVE: Barbara K. Nelson Site.
2. For listening comprehension of native speakers, visit this site. On the opening page, you will find a pull-down menu to select the level of speech to listen to, ranging from beginner to superior level. After selecting a topic, scroll all the way to the right to find vocabulary help, useful phrases, and grammar practices related to your choice. You can listen to a series of people discussing the same topic. In the upper right-hand corner, there are three buttons labeled S, E, and N. If you click the S button, you can read along with the speaker. The E button provides the English translation. If you click the N button, you can watch and listen to the speaker without any text appearing. Try practicing first with all text turned off, as you KNOW you will read along if the text is available! Feel free to play the clips multiple times. At this stage, you are just getting your ear attuned. Observe the speakers' faces while they talk. Look at the translations ONLY as a last resort. Keep a record of the tasks you listen to. Listening Comprehension Site.
3. Practice grammar and vocabulary using these reading resources from the BBC Mundo and CNN websites. Bookmark these sites on your computer, as they contain a wealth of information in Spanish that you will use: BBC Mundo | CNN Español.

Espero que tengamos un buen año y trabajemos con empeño para sacar una buena nota.