

French Extra Credit

Due June 5th

Watch a French film with subtitles. +12 Extra Credit

Requirements:

1. As you watch the film, you must write down 15 words and 5 phrases you didn't know. Look them up in the dictionary and write the English equivalents. To do this, you might want to watch certain parts of the movie twice: once in the original French with English subtitles, and again in English with French subtitles so that you can write down the words. This assignment works best if you can find a movie with both French and English audio tracks as well as French and English subtitles. It's a GREAT way to learn the language. Blueray disks have both audio and subtitle tracks for almost all movies, if you happen to own a Blueray player.
2. Type a review of the film telling me what you like (or don't like) about it. Be sure to focus on ideas in the movie, not just plot. 200 words (ou 100 mots en français!). FYI Most students will only receive 10 extra credit points because their reviews will not be well written and won't focus enough on ideas.
3. Have a parent/guardian sign a note saying that you watched the movie.

Les Films

La Belle et la bête (Jean Cocteau, 1946) An absolute classic - Not Rated

La Gloire de mon Père/My Father's Glory (drama. Coming of age story. One of my favs) - G

Jean de Florette (drama that takes place in Southern France. Excellent!) - PG

Au Revoir les enfants (drama about Nazi occupation--beautiful film!)

Amélie (drama. Perhaps my favorite movie of all time, but it's rated R)

La Chevre (comedy about an accident-prone man who searches for a similar woman)--PG

Les Compères (comedy about a runaway boy and the two "fathers" who search for him)- PG

Other French movies would be fine, too. Many can be found on Netflix

Other movies about France or other francophone (French speaking) countries are acceptable IF you watch them with French subtitles. Blueray disks will do this for every movie.

However, if the movie isn't originally in the French, you can only receive 10 pts. max

2. Cook a French Meal. +10 Extra Credit

Requirements:

1. Three courses, all of them French
2. Type the recipe (one of the three) in French using basic French. Then type a list of new words and definitions at the bottom of the page with English definitions.
3. Take a photo or make a short video of you preparing and eating the meal

*Note: on occasion I have been known to give extra extra credit to students who go above and beyond minimum requirements