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AP Spanish Language and Culture

James Bowie High School

Course Description and Summer Assignment

Spanish AP [Syllabus](#)

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course strives not to overemphasize grammatical accuracy at the expense of communication. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in Spanish. A redesigned AP Spanish Language and Culture course and exam launched in Fall 2019. The new course is comparable to fourth semester (or the equivalent) college courses in Spanish.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions). The course objectives are to help students:

- understand Spanish spoken by native speakers at a natural pace, with a variety of regional pronunciations, in both informal (interpersonal) and formal (presentational) contexts
- develop an active vocabulary sufficient for reading newspaper and magazine articles, contemporary literature, and other non-technical writings (websites, letters and emails, advertisements, signs and instructions) in Spanish without dependence on a dictionary (interpretive)
- express themselves by describing, narrating, inquiring, and developing arguments in Spanish, both orally and in writing, with reasonable fluency, using different strategies for different audiences and communicative contexts (presentational).

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In this course, special emphasis is placed on the use of authentic source materials and the integration of language skills. Therefore, students will receive extensive training in combining listening, reading, and speaking (or listening, reading, and writing) skills in order to demonstrate understanding of authentic Spanish-language source materials.

Your signature on the James Bowie High School Course Contract indicates your understanding of the commitment to succeed in this course and your acknowledgment of the required summer assignment. May you enjoy your summer adventure in learning!

AP Spanish 4 is a very interesting but intense course. You will have to speak, read, and write in Spanish 100% of the time. These summer assignments will keep your skills sharp and help you to prepare.

One assignment from each part (A,B,C,D) will be graded during the first week of the 2021 2022 school year; **you are strongly advised to complete one from each section over the summer** and keep them in a google folder to start the year with as little stress as possible. Reading and Writing optional at the bottom .

Parte A:

Create Your Own Practice Assignment

For your first oral grade of the school year, you will be asked about how you kept your Spanish language alive during the summer. You will be expected to talk for 60-90 seconds saying 10 sentences. Your response can be totally fictional, so don't let reality limit yourself. Take artistic license. You may want to talk about dreams, visitors from another planet, a top-secret spy mission...

Ideas may include (but aren't limited to):

- Crear una playlist de música en español
- Hacer una receta de un plato Hispano delicioso
- Charlar, escribir emails con un/a amigo/a en español
- Visitar negocios donde puedes practicar: restaurantes, supermercados...
- Ser voluntario o hacer de canguro en un ambiente Hispano
- Crear un blog o canal YouTube en Español,

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Parte B:

Escucha y escribe (compara y contrasta) con podcasts, programas, música

One of the expectations in the AP Spanish Language and Culture is to understand the significance of an array of cultural products, practices and perspectives from around the Spanish-speaking world and make comparisons of them to those in your own community. One of the best ways to keep your brain actively engaged with Spanish is to give it sessions to be immersed in the language. To me, there's no better way to do that than to listen and watch Spanish-language programs and music. The following options include podcasts that are catered to intermediate learners of Spanish, and the links will take you to youtube or a Google folder of episodes, Netflix, or a spotify playlist:

<u>Españolistas - Podcast</u> <u>Link to Episodes of Españolistas</u>	<u>La Catrina - YouTube</u>
<u>Duolingo - Spotify</u>	<u>Violetta - YouTube</u>
<u>How to Spanish - Podcast</u>	<u>Extra - YouTube</u>
<u>Link to Radio Ambulante</u>	Street Food: Latin America - Netflix <u>Street Food Perú : YouTube</u>
<u>Ver-taal</u>	2 <u>de estos cortos</u>

When we start the year, you will be asked to write a summary of the episode/s you choose, make comparisons between what you've discovered in the Spanish-speaking community and compare it to your own community. This is to be done in Spanish, and must be at least a paragraph in length (7-10 sentences), handwritten or typed. The organization should follow this model:

Título del programa:

Título del episodio

Comparación (diferencias y semejanzas) con mi comunidad:

Parte C:

I.- Lectura: La vida y las obras de Gabriel García Márquez

1. Research the author Gabriel Garcia Márquez.
2. Choose and read three (3) of his short stories. ([Click here](#))
3. In your best Spanish, write the main facts of his life and a summary of your favorite story

Or

II.- Sacar libros en español de la biblioteca

Check out a Spanish language book from the local library for personal enjoyment. If it's a book you've read before in English, you will have an easier time connecting to new vocabulary in context. Don't pick the most complex text you can find; start easy, and read in small time increments at first. Children books are such a treasure and you can really enjoy and learn for example from: "la oruga hambrienta" while having a blast from your past !

[Cuentos en Español](#)

[Cuentos breves \(cortitos\)](#)

Or

III.- Noticias de actualidad (Current Events)

Watch real news from one of these links:

[Ver-taal
noticias](#)

[BBC Mundo](#)

[Univision
Noticias](#)

Please note: use good judgment. Select videos that are appropriate for school and long enough for the required written assignment (see below).

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You will be asked to talk/write about an event during the summer and compare and contrast, naming at least one similarity and one difference about the video's topic, between the place where the report is about and your own society.

Parte D :

Movie to learn about Hispanic World.

They are fantastic. But they may be way too long and overwhelming so you can choose a movie that happens in Hispanic context but it can still be in English. Or a movie you already watched and are familiar with but with subtitles...

Possible films:

Choose one film (below are some options-double check that you have the correct film as there are other films with similar titles or **choose your own**). You will be asked to share orally what you learned about the Hispanic world with your chosen film for a daily grade during the first week of school and to write a review (250 words, in Spanish).



Menudas piezas



Radical



Campeones



La misión

Warning: Suggested MPAA rating: Rated PG-13 for some strong violence, *brief language and some disturbing images.*

In the Oscar-nominated British drama, ***La misión***, 18th century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American Indian tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal. Directed by Roland Joffé, screenplay by Robert Bolt. Starring Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, and Ray McAnally. *(Choose this film if you like history and the time of the Spaniards conquering America. Some scenes are **brutal** and others are **very sad**, but the story is very interesting, the cast is fabulous, the photography is breathtaking, and the music is by Ennio Morricone.)*



El camino hacia el Dorado

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La misma luna is a 2007 Mexican-American drama filmed in Spanish and English, directed by Patricia Riggen and starring Adrián Alonso, Kate del Castillo, and Eugenio Derbez. It tells the story of Rosario (Kate del Castillo), a mother who migrates illegally to the United States, and her nine-year-old son, Carlitos (Adrián Alonso).

PG-13

(Choose this film if you like movies about nowadays and adventures as an immigrant kid.)



Warning: Brutal reality.

Si prefieres la actualidad /realidad, puedes ver uno de estos documentales :

[La Bestia, el tren de la muerte](#)

Or [La cosecha](#)

Compara una de esas realidades con la imagen que Hollywood da sobre el viaje de Carlitos en la película.



[No se aceptan devoluciones](#)

Rated PG-13 for sexual content,
thematic elements and language

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*El libro de la vida,
Coco, Ferdinand,
Tadeo Jones, Encanto*



Opcional:

Leer porque te encanta.

If you love reading, like me, here are some of my favorite authors translated into English: Isabel Allende, Sandra Cisneros, Laura Esquivel, Paulo Coelho (from Brazil, but the book is about Spain) ; if you read a book from a Hispanic author, and show me what you learned about the country/culture/History... it will be graded and used as extra credit.

[The house of Spirits \(Isabel Allende\)](#)

[The House on Mango Street \(Sandra Cisneros\)](#)

[Like water for chocolate \(Laura Esquivel\)](#)

[The alchemist \(Paulo Coelho\)](#)

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Ideas sobre las que escribir (Opcional)

Las diferencias y semejanzas entre las costumbres de América Latina y los Estados Unidos.

Las dificultades y aspectos positivos de las dos culturas mezcladas en nuestro país.

La belleza en nuestro mundo.

Las diferencias y semejanzas en la “familia” en el mundo Hispano y en EEUU. .

El efecto de la tecnología en nuestras vidas.

El cuidado del medio ambiente y el punto de vista de tu religión y el del gobierno.

El racismo que existe en nuestro país y entre tu familia y tus amigos.

La falta de tolerancia entre todas las religiones en el mundo y en nuestro país.

Voces Inocentes	Civil War in El Salvador	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbgl2gSQz98
En el Tiempo de la Mariposas	Death of Mirabal Sisters in DR (In Eng with Span subtitles)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edQAJM7uCyE&t=1640s
Yuli	Life story famous Cuban Ballet Dancer - Yuli -	https://www.facebook.com/sergio.perez.75491856/videos/2236331436494215
Sushi a la Mexicana	Women struggles for workplace equality.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HonkK6SeqNE&t=3280s
100 Metros	Overcoming obstacles	Netflix
Rebelión in la Granja	Orwell - Used with Latin American Dictators	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-LmEtxlbQY&t=3119s
Machuca	Allende/Pinochet in Chile	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvON1ORIoWw
Marianela	Benito Perez Galdós - Lit	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hojhlXrfEw&list=PLVFepbW8THLzpCDj2hLW70sQZurcDg_Q-
Don Quixote	Cervantes - Lit Classic	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjR5g3mbkcw&t=2134s
Man of La Mancha	Quijote - In English (individual videos)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WDlu8XbVD8&list=PLZbXA4lyCtqgDmlh4M2rkBPnzVI_fiXEh
El Estudiante	Mexican University / Quixote/ Honor and Integrity (indiv videos)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nfAkVvmg4M&list=PL8Gb_sOmbVOGTjdr7cx4O40-ucpdvWpWw

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Los Tigres del Norte at Folsom Prison	Music	Netflix
Feliz Christmas, Merry Navidad	Christmas Theme/ Materialism	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Yy3F9bjkYI&t=645s
Viva Cuba	Life in Cuba - two children run away	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PfX7x7N8zM&t=3098s
Nothing like the Holidays	Puerto Rican Family in Chicago - Christmas time	https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=home+for+the+holidays
Desconectados	About what would happen if satellites stopped, and we couldn't use the Internet and cell phones. Addiction to technology Great for tech units.	Amazon Prime