

AP Spanish Summer Enrichment

For students taking AP Spanish in the fall, it's important to continue to practice and use the language over the summer. As they say, if you don't use it, you lose it! Practicing the language can take many forms, find the one that interests you!

This assignment is optional and will not be graded. **It will, however, give you an advantage in preparation for our first unit and activities of the year.** As you practice language skills and explore cultural opportunities, keep a journal to reflect on your practice. The more Spanish you can use, the better!



Cultural Experience Opportunities:

Music: Spotify: Spend 30 minutes with a Spanish language playlist or create your own based on a Hispanic artist that you know.

Art and Culture: DC has tons of free exhibits to visit! The Spanish embassy curates a list of DC area events [HERE](#). Check out the list or find your own events in the area. Let me know what you find!

Social Media: Sites like We are Mitu (Latinx culture posts) and PetiteChef.es (Spanish cooking videos) offer quick glances at Hispanic culture. Whatever platforms you tend to use... find the Spanish side of the algorithm. Spanish **TikTok** has music, food, dances, culture, and language. It's awesome.

Videos and Listening:

- **NETFLIX:** So much authentic Spanish language content! But if you're feeling super lazy, change the language on a favorite movie or show for a little listening practice.
- **Other Streaming Services:** HBOmax, Disney+, ALL of the streaming platforms have lots of content en español!
- **Ted Talks:** [Ted En Español: Ideas en Nuestro Idioma](#)
- [Podcasts](#), Univision, Telemundo

Articles and Current Events:

- [BBC Mundo](#) - world news service in Spanish
- [El Mundo](#) - Newspaper from Spain
- [La Nacion](#) - Newspaper from Costa Rica
- [Prensa](#) - Index of Spanish-speaking newspapers
- [CNNEspañol](#) - Spanish version of CNN
- [Noticias](#) - Noticias de Latinoamérica
- [El Pais](#) - Newspaper from Costa Rica
- [Newsela](#): news site curated for students



Practice Sites & Apps:

- [Conjuguemos.com](#) for grammar practice
- [Spanish Dict.com](#) for grammar and language practice
- [Duolingo](#) for grammar and language practice
- [LyricsTraining](#) - app for playing with Spanish music lyrics

Food: (and no, Chipotle doesn't count) If you're about town and looking to broaden your cultural horizons, try these places.

- [Jaleo](#): Truly authentic Spanish food and tapas.
- [Super Chicken](#): Peruvian chicken in Manassas
- [Tango Pastry](#): AMAZING Argentinian food super cheap!! The empanadas are insane and their milanesa (try the sandwich) tastes like Buenos Aires!
- [La Jarochita](#): Mexican spot in Manassas, full menu AND bakery!
- Check out [Trip Advisor](#) for more recs!



Have another? Get a recommendation for a great, authentic Hispanic restaurant and write about it!

Traveling to a Spanish speaking country this summer?

Take plenty of pics and keep a travel journal of what you see, what you hear, what you eat, and who you talk to (en español, claro!)

Literature:

Have a favorite book? Try reading the Spanish version. Spanish translations can typically be found on sites like Amazon.

No faves yet? Try reading something from one of these authors;

- Gabriel García Márquez
- Pablo Neruda
- Mario Vargas Llosa
- Isabel Allende
- Jorge Luis Borges
- Junot Díaz
- Carlos Fuentes
- Juan Rulfo
- Zoraida Córdova
- Esmeralda Santiago
- Julia Álvarez



Not up to an entire book in Spanish? Try the English translation.

Remember, you're certainly not expected to do ALL of these activities. Find the ones that appeal to you and check them out. Find your own way to practice! Have some fun with it. If you're not enjoying it, don't do it ;o) This optional assignment will be handed in during the first week of class.

¡Que disfruten de sus vacaciones!

~Señora Travis