# Winslow Township High School Tarea de Verano AP Spanish Language and Culture

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de AP Spanish Language & Culture! Estoy muy emocionada de comenzar esta experiencia con ustedes. Este año exploraremos los países hispanohablantes a través de temas reales, recursos auténticos y una comunicación significativa. Esta tarea de verano está diseñada para ayudarlos a mantenerse conectados con el idioma y la cultura hispana, y para prepararlos para los desafíos del curso.

Throughout the year, we will explore six major themes:

- 1. Las familias y las comunidades (Families and Communities)
- 2. La belleza y la estética (Beauty and Aesthetics)
- 3. La vida contemporánea (Contemporary Life)
- 4. Los desafíos mundiales (Global Challenges)
- 5. La ciencia y la tecnología (Science and Technology)
- 6. Las identidades personales y públicas (Personal and Public Identities)

A major focus of the AP exam and our class is the **ability to listen and respond in Spanish**. Over the summer, I encourage you to immerse yourself in the language: listen to podcasts, watch videos or shows in Spanish, and try to speak and think in Spanish as much as possible. This practice will make a huge difference.

All Assignments are due the first full day of class. Summer work will count as a test grade. If work is not completed by the due date, **10 points will be deducted for each day late**. Be prepared to present information about one of your assignments to the class, which will count as a quiz grade.

Now let's get started with the assignment!

#### **Summer Assignment Overview**

You'll complete three parts:

Listening & Vocabulary Practice

- Speaking & Reflection
- Cultural Exploration

**Please join and submit all written work and recordings via Google Classroom** (code: ubcojmcm) by the first full day of school. This will count as your first test grade of the year.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

#### 1: Listen to Authentic Spanish

Choose 2 different resources, each related to a different AP theme:

- A podcast episode (e.g., Radio Ambulante, Hoy Hablamos)
- A short video, TED Talk, or news clip in Spanish
- A documentary or TV segment

#### For each one:

- Write a short summary (5–7 sentences, in Spanish)
- Include 5 new vocabulary words and their definitions
- Identify which AP theme it connects to
- Supply the links to the resources

Upload assignment to Google Classroom in the assignment post.

### 2: Speak & Reflect

Record **2** short speaking responses (3-5 minutes each) to any of the prompts below. Use complete sentences and speak in Spanish. You may have to do a little research of the topics.

Choose 2 prompts:

- 1. Describe how your family or community celebrates a cultural tradition. How is it similar or different from a Spanish-speaking culture? (*Theme: Families & Communities*)
- 2. What's a typical day during your summer? How do teens in other countries spend their summers? (*Theme: Contemporary Life*)

- 3. How has your identity changed in the past year, and how do you express it? *(Theme: Personal & Public Identities)*
- 4. What is one global challenge that matters to you and why? (*Theme: Global Challenges*)

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## **3: Cultural Exploration**

- 1. Choose a Spanish-speaking country that interests you.
- 2. Research a culturally relevant topic from that country related to one of the following approaches:
  - A scientific or technological advancement that has had national or international impact
  - A current social, economic, or environmental issue
  - The role of culture (art, education, values, language, media, etc.) in the country's identity or development
  - Supply copy link to sources used
- 3. Write a Paragraph (8–10 sentences in Spanish)
  - Clearly introduce the topic and country
  - Explain **why this topic is important** to that society
  - Make a connection to **one of the six AP course themes**
  - Include at least:
    - **One sentence using the present subjunctive** (e.g., wishes, doubts, recommendations, emotions)
    - **One sentence using the imperfect subjunctive** (e.g., hypothetical situations, emotions about the past, contrary-to-reality conditions)

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## 4: In class Presentation

During the **first week of class**, be **prepared to present information about** one of your summer assignments: