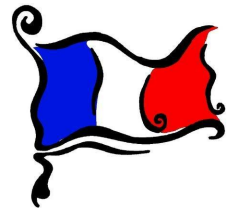


French IV Syllabus

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Office Hours: 3rd or 4th hour or by appointment before and after school



Description:

Bienvenue à la classe de français IV. Level IV French is an Honors course designed to refine and polish language skills that were developed in the first three levels. During the year we will take a more in depth look at many cultural aspects, including a survey of art and artists, a study of music, a study of foods and French customs, and different Francophone countries. To examine these cultural themes, research will play a big part. Along with these cultural themes, we will examine and take an in depth look at the role of grammar and verb tenses in the language. A large goal of this class is to achieve a greater set of communication skills. To accomplish this, we will do an extensive study of verb tenses and grammar, a study of poetry and literary works. Finally, we will take a look at current events around the world in Francophone countries. Research and projects will be completed individually, in pairs and in groups. Level IV is a recommended preparation for college proficiency and placement testing. Discussion and participation will help ensure your understanding.

While at times it may seem difficult, instruction will be in French as much as possible to promote immersion in the classroom. Our goal this year is to become comfortable using French as much as possible and find connections to the culture. In order to do this, I ask each of you to **challenge** yourself to try your best, accept the occasional struggle, and embrace the culture and language everyday.

Materials:

- 1 folder for handouts and assignments and 1 notebook that can be used for notes, homework, etc.
- iPad (and charger)

Grading/Scoring:

- Weighted category system
 - 20% Reading
 - 20% Writing
 - 20% Listening
 - 20% Speaking
 - 10% CCPP
 - 10% Vocabulary and Grammar Quizzes
- Weekly vocabulary quizzes will vary in points
- Project point values will vary from 40-100 points
- Tests will generally be worth 50-100 points
- Quizzes and tests will be announced at least 2 days in advance
- CCPP will be taken for 20 points weekly
- Nightly practice will not be taken for a grade. This being said, that does not mean that it is not necessary. Participating in class and practicing outside of class will prepare you for later when you are assessed on these skills. Consider nightly practice your pre-tests in figuring out what you need to do to be successful on your tests, quizzes and projects.

Textbook

- In lieu of using a textbook everyday, we will use the AP French practice book, as well as various other supplemental authentic texts. We will not follow a book curriculum but rather will focus on the AP units.

Expectations

- Students will come to class prepared to learn everyday with all necessary materials.
- Students are expected to show respect to everyone in class by listening to those who are speaking.

- Students will come to class with their iPad on and charged.
- Students will clean up after themselves (food, supplies, assignments, etc.)
- Students will not speak while others are speaking to ensure that they hear what others are saying.
- Learning a foreign language requires different skills than a math class or science class. It requires constant communication and practice. I expect your support of one another's learning styles and environment. With that being said, no mocking or bullying will be tolerated.
- 90% French Agreement
 - In order to fully meet the goals of the course, you must commit to speaking French 90% of the time in class. This might seem difficult at first but it will pay huge dividends in the end. Asking for clarification in French is a basic listening and survival skill that you must develop. To reinforce the French-only agreement, I may assign French only detention (if you choose to not follow the agreement), extra translations, etc.

General Policies

- Our classroom is located next to the restroom. As such, I expect you to use the restroom during passing period. In the case that you need to use the restroom during class, choose an appropriate time. You do not need to raise your hand. I reserve the right change this policy if it is being abused.
- Tardies – Students will all be allowed one tardy for free. Refer to the school policy for tardy consequences.
- Extra Credit – Extra Credit will be given sporadically throughout the semester for going above and beyond on assignments. Students are not eligible for extra credit if they have any missing work or zeros.
- One time during each quarter, students will have the opportunity to redo an assignment. Students must fill out the Google Form on the “About” section of Google Classroom in order to be eligible for a redo. I will email you if your request has been approved. The redo score will replace the original score, regardless if it is worse than the original. Redos will not be allowed for work that is turned in late.

Late work

- Homework will rarely be assigned, therefore it will not be accepted late. Projects and writing assignments may be turned in late, but 10% will be deducted from your score for each day it is late.
- If you have something to turn in from when you were absent, please turn it in to the bin labeled “absent turn-in bin”. Do not place it randomly on my desk.

Absences

- If you have an excused absence from school, you will be allowed until the following Thursday to make up all work that was missed. A “0” will be entered into the grade book for work that has been graded when you are absent. It is your responsibility to contact Madame (email/before or after school/during the appropriate time during class/on the calendar dry erase board) with when you would like to make up any missing assignments.
- It is to your benefit to make up the work as soon as possible. Anything that was handed out while you were done will be put in the hanging folders for your level for the day that you were missing along with a sheet explaining what we did that day. A classmate will fill out the “while you were gone” form for you to help catch you up.

I have read and understand all aspects of this syllabus and am ready for a great year in Madame Love's class.

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