



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

French V 2014-2015

Course Description:

Students will continue to apply the skills developed in previous levels. Course content includes a grammar review, oral and written communication activities, readings of contemporary drama and short stories with an emphasis on French culture. Classes will be taught in French, with emphasis on content and accuracy in oral and written communication.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Review

1. Vocabulary review
2. Grammar review
3. Communication and writing practice
4. Discussion of summer activities
5. Short stories from “Rouge” textbook

Unit 2: L’histoire de la France

1. Plus-que-parfait past tense
2. History of the beginning of France
3. Astérix comics
4. French Kings
5. Film: Cyrano de Bergerac

Unit 3: La littérature

1. Short stories
2. Novel: Le Petit Prince
3. Passé simple
4. Review of complex grammar

Unit 4: La vie moderne

1. Paris
2. Current events
3. Debates and political issues

Unit 5: La cuisine française

1. Cooking terms
2. Table setting and food presentation
3. Film: Chocolat

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

The following book will be the primary text used throughout the year. In addition, internet sites, articles, and various short readers will be used to supplement the book as needed.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to complete all homework, projects, class assignments, quizzes, and tests. Students must also participate in oral class activities such as communicative or paired activities, role play and dialogues. Good attendance and consistent practice are very important in world language study.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on the following categories and weighted at the following percentages:

- Homework and classwork: 5%
- Participation: 20%
- Projects and writing: 25%
- Tests and quizzes: 50%

Participation is a critical component of foreign language learning. Therefore, students are expected to participate in class as often as possible. They will receive a grade for participation approximately every 10 class days. The grade will be out of ten points. Below is the grading scale:

| Actual tallies | Participation grade |
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| 10+ tallies | 10/10 |
| 9 tallies | 9.5/10 |
| 8 tallies | 9/10 |
| 7 tallies | 8.5/10 |
| 6 tallies | 8/10 |
| 5 tallies | 7.5/10 |
| 4 tallies | 7/10 |
| 3 tallies | 6.5/10 |
| 2 tallies | 6/10 |
| 1 tallies | 5.5/10 |
| 0 tallies | 5/10 |

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

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| Quarter 1 | 20% |
| Quarter 2 | 20% |
| Quarter 3 | 20% |
| Quarter 4 | 20% |
| Final | 20% |

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer reading assignments for French V.