



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

French V 2013-2014

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 – Les Pêches, Le Portrait

Unit 2: Histoire

1. Les guerres – Film: Au Revoir, les Enfants (with French IV)
2. La création de la Communauté
3. Les petits pays
4. l'Euro et l'économie
5. Pronouns- direct and indirect

Unit 3: La littérature

1. Le Petit Prince
2. Infinitives and present participles
3. Review of compound tenses

Unit 4: Le siècle de Louis XIV et le siècle des Lumières

1. History and literature in the age of Louis XIV
2. Society and fashion in the 17th century
3. Relative pronouns
4. Voltaire, Rousseau, Montesquieu and Diderot: Contes philosophiques
5. Film: Minuit à Paris

Unit 5: La Cuisine française

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

Unit 6: Modern France

1. Paris – old and new
2. Current events

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.

Discovering French Nouveau Rouge by Valette and Valette. McDougal Littell, 2007.

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 total points.

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
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 midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no required summer reading assignments for French V.

