Français langue 12

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Course content / units:

- Language (slang, dialects, creoles, introductory linguistics and phonetics)
- Vocabulary units
- Novels and theater
- Formal letter structures and expressions
- Provincial exam preparation and textual analysis
- Research project and dissertation (university structure)

Authors include:

Camus, Sartre, Philippe Claudel, Baudelaire...

Grammar:

- general revision
- special focus on masc/fem, phrases with 'if', anglicismes, prepositions

DELF:

Information about the optional DELF exam will be given in class once it is available.

Provincial exam:

The provincial exam is worth 40% of your FRAL 12 mark. It includes a 10-minute interview in May about your research project (40% of the exam mark). The written exam has a grammar section, three texts with questions (a poem, story and article), short answer and a persuasive essay.

Binder organisation in class:

- Suggested categories:
 - 1 vocabulary and grammar notes
 - 2 evaluated work
 - 3 practice work/other
 - 4 research project

Hours:

I am available in the morning (usually as early as 7:30), after school, and during ILT.

Assessment:

Your overall mark is based on a combination of your marks in different skills (listening, speaking, reading, vocabulary, grammar/translation, writing, research). Each category is worth approximately the same weight.

Redos:

Grammar and vocabulary quizzes can be rewritten up to two weeks after the date of the original quiz. Unwritten quizzes are marked as a zero. If you miss a quiz, please complete it within a week so everyone is able to receive timely feedback.

Diagnostic test:

At the beginning of the year, you will write a diagnostic test. The test isn't counted for marks, but will give you an idea of which skills you need to focus on and helps me know which skills the class in general needs to focus on. You will repeat the diagnostic at least once more during the year.

Resources available on the website

- Links to Quizlet sets
 - There is a link for your grade (for vocab)
 - There is a separate link for spelling and grammar sets
 - Quizlet is a free app. If you want to study offline, I believe you have to pay a yearly fee.
 - To use quizlet effectively, focus on practice modes where you have to produce the French word yourself. The matching game is good review, but not as effective for memorization.
- PDFs of notes (grammar and vocabulary). The grammar tab has general French grammar notes for all levels (with the grammar explained in English).
- Practice finals.
- Links to websites for additional practice.
- Study tips specifically about learning languages.
- Information about assessment.

Work habits to help you succeed:

- 1 Complete all practice work even if you think you don't have the right answers. Waiting for the answers and then copying them will not help you improve your language skills.
- 2 Ask guestions and ask for feedback.
- 3 Stay organised and use a calendar.
- 4 Do not use google translate.
- 5 Analyse your grammatical mistakes. If you don't understand why something you wrote is wrong, ask.
- 6 Review frequently and use the resources provided like quizlet. Just rereading your notes is an ineffective way to study.
- 7 Reading in French is one of the best ways to improve your general language skills.
- 8 Stay off your phone in class and turn it off at night.

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