

AP Chinese Language and Culture
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In order to help you keep the Chinese language alive throughout the entire summer, listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities are to be completed. On the first day of class, you will hand in the written sections (typed works will be submitted by email).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time throughout this summer if you have any questions.

Please keep in mind: Developing appreciation and awareness of the Chinese culture is an integral theme throughout the AP Chinese course. Students apply their growing cultural knowledge to communicative tasks: cultural knowledge enhances communicative ability and vice versa.

Listening assignments

Please go to the following websites to practice your listening skills

1. California State University, Long Beach Conversational Mandarin Chinese Online
<http://web.csulb.edu/~txie/ccol/content.htm>.
2. Watch a Chinese TV play 致我们单纯的小美好

Challenge yourself, and when you need to respond to the question, language elaboration is required. We will talk about 致我们单纯的小美好 in class in the fall.

Speaking Assignments

Please go to AP website to get familiar with the AP speaking test:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-chinese-language-and-culture/exam>

During the first week of your AP class in the fall (date TBA), you will be expected to give an oral presentation to highlight the most important activities that you did in the summer. You need to have appropriate visual support to go along with your presentation. You can either make a poster or a PowerPoint slide show. During the oral presentation, you will be permitted to have a small note card for you to write down some bullet points; however, you will not be allowed to read from the card.

You will be graded based on the Intermediate Presentational Speaking Rubric, and it will be considered as a major assessment.

Reading Assignments:

Read 5 cultural folk tales of your choice. Books will be given before summer, so please return them in the first week of the new school year.

Writing Assignments:

Search one of two Chinese classical novels, *Journey to the West* (西游记) or *Dream of the Red Chamber* (红楼梦). You need to write a book report for one of these two novels, and the following information needs to be addressed in your book report (minimum 100 words).

1. Name of the author
2. Date the book was written
3. Main characters
4. What is this book about?
5. Reviews and criticism of this book.

Choose one Chinese speaking movie to watch (with or without English subtitles) and type a summary and reflections (minimum 100 words). The list is as followed:

饮食男女 Eat, Drink, Man, Woman

和你在一起 Together

一个不能少 Not One Less

喜宴 The Wedding Banquet

变脸王 King of Mask

活着 To Live

Your book report, movie summary, and reflections need to be either written or typed in Chinese. Please use your own words to express your own ideas. Directly copying from other people's articles or papers is prohibited, and will result in a "0" for your grade.

For your enjoyment:

Use <http://www.china.org.cn> to learn some Chinese idioms.