

AP Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Four Summer Assignment | 2023



Dear Future AP Spanish Language and Culture Student,

Congratulations for embarking on one more phase of your development toward your fluency journey in Spanish! We will study many interesting topics next year, with an integrated approach to the four language skills (listening, reading, speaking, writing), and broad inquiries into many aspects of Hispanic culture, communities, identities, and contemporary issues.

In order to maintain and extend your Spanish skills throughout the summer, you will be reading a **short novel** by Nathaniel Kirby, and keeping a log of occasional Spanish listening experiences throughout the summer.

The novelette by Nathaniel Kirby, «La Guerra Sucia», a political thriller which I hope will keep you turning the pages. The book is available for about \$15 at **TPRSBooks.com**. If you do not have a way to obtain this, email Sr. Rodriguez and he can provide a copy for you to check out. As you read each chapter, (1) annotate new words you come across (that's why you need your own book). At the end of each chapter, (2) write a summary (in English) of the main events of that chapter. Note character changes, if there are any. (If you need to, you can write the summaries on sticky notes.) Again, please do not wait until the last week of summer to do these. The goal is to nurture your skills throughout the summer – not to tax them in a few short days.

Additionally, to help support your listening skills, **you should listen to a total of four hours of spoken Spanish this summer**. It can be any combination of material you like. It can be music videos, Spanish YouTube videos, Netflix or Amazon rentals (both have a good selection of movies in Spanish), online podcasts, or it can be your uncle Carlos! There are some additional listening sources on the back of this page. You can also create your own listening log and print it out for your summer assignments. Email Sr. Rodriguez at rene.rodriguez@dsisdtx.us if you have questions

Vamos a tener un año muy bueno,
Señor Rodríguez

Some Sources for listening practice:

Besides sources such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc., here are some other places you can practice your listening skills over the summer:

- <http://www.spanishlistening.org/>:

This website contains A LOT of material; you can search by level (obviously you wouldn't choose any beginners), topic, or specific lesson numbers; the site also has transcripts of each recording and little quizzes you can take to test your comprehension



- <http://www.notesinspanish.com/>

This website will link you to a Podcast (of the same name); you can also download the Podcasts (for free!) from the App store; the Intermediate level is likely the most appropriate



- <https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/>

The official website from the University of Texas; again, you can search by level.



...and, as always, a quick Google search will lead you to countless more opportunities that interest you. I encourage you to find interesting sites in Spanish to share with your (our) class.

Sr. Rodriguez