

Fast Tips & Strategies for the AP World Language Exam French, German, and Spanish

I. The Exam

a. Multiple Choice (50%)

- i. Part A 30 questions: Interpretive Communication (Print Texts)
- ii. Part B 35 questions
 1. Interpretive Communication (Print and Audio Texts – Combined)
 2. Interpretive Communication (Audio Texts)

b. Free-Response (50%):

All equally weighted and count for 12.5% of total score.

- i. E-Mail Response: Interpersonal Writing (Formal Voice)
- ii. Persuasive Essay: Presentational Writing
- iii. Conversation: Interpersonal speaking (Informal Voice)
- iv. Cultural Comparison: Presentational Speaking

II. Multiple Choice Resource -- Released Exams:

- a. French: 2017 Released Exam
- b. German: 2017 Release Exam
- c. Spanish: 2019 Exam will be released Fall 2019

III. Best Practices for Students

a. E-Mail Response:

- i. Note the Thème du cours/Thema/Tema curricular
- ii. Read the Introduction/Übersicht/Introducción
- iii. Write in formal voice
- iv. Memorize your formal address and signature – formalities.
- v. Answer all questions posed in the email that has been sent to you based on your original request.
- vi. ASK at least one question.

b. Persuasive Essay:

- i. Note the Thème du cours/Thema/Tema curricular
- ii. Read the Sujet de l'essai/Aufsatzthema/Tema del ensayo
- iii. State your point of view in your opening paragraph, take a stance and **argue** your position when writing.
- iv. **Integrate** rather than summarize information from the three sources into your argument to show you have understood the texts.

c. Conversation:

- i. Note the Thème du cours/Thema/Tema curricular
- ii. Read the Introduction/Übersicht/Introducción
- iii. Informal in nature
- iv. Memorize some set phrases and turns to prepare for a twist in the conversation (i.e. "I advise, I suggest, In my opinion")

d. Cultural Comparison:






- i. Note the Thème du cours/Thema/Tema curricular
- ii. Read the Sujet de presentation/Thema des Vortrags/Tema de la presentación
- iii. What role does this play in your society – think deep!

IV. More Support Coming in 2019 (AP Central)

What's Changing?

Focused Practice and Feedback Throughout the Year

The classroom resources below will be available for all relevant AP subjects.

| What's New | At a Glance | What It Helps Teachers Do |
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|  AP Question Bank | An online library of real AP Exam questions that can be filtered by topics and skills. | Create customized sets of practice questions for in-class assignments or homework. |
|  Performance Dashboard | Interactive reports that provide detailed results by question for every student, class, and school. | Pinpoint strengths and weaknesses on AP content and skills to improve performance. |
|  Unit Guides | Planning guides that outline content and skills for commonly taught units within a course. | Focus and deepen instruction and scaffold skill instruction across units. |
|  Personal Progress Checks | Formative AP questions for every unit that give students feedback on the areas where they need to focus. | Track student progress in content knowledge and skills throughout the year. |
|  Transparency and Stability | Detailed course frameworks and stable exam formats that eliminate guesswork about the content and skills that can appear on the exam. | Anticipate what students will see on the exam and get actionable data on how their students did on the exam. |

- Bring copies of 2018 for all exams on each free-response task. How many to make?? Decide WHAT to copy from them.
- French, German, Italian, and Spanish all follow the same exam blueprint – you can get ideas for practice topics by looking at published free-response questions on AP Central.
- Exam: Multiple Choice Section 50%/Free-Response Section 50%
- Multiple choice is the most difficult segment: look at the released exams for ideas on the types of multiple choice exam questions are being asked.
- What is coming in 2019: AP Central: AP Resources and Processes (show website)
- Bring dongles for the laptop to be able to connect to a projector.
- Find Peter Chase's translations into English of all past topics.

WRITING: Each segment is weighed equally and counts toward 12.5% of the overall AP exam score.

Email:

Persuasive Essay:

- Note the Thème du cours/Thema/Tema curricular
 - Read the Sujet de l'essai/Aufsatzthema/Tema del ensayo
1. State your point of view in your opening paragraph, take a stance and **argue** your position when writing.
 2. **Integrate** rather than summarize information from the three sources into your argument to show you have understood the texts.
 3. Work with students on writing introductions to prepare for the exam to save time on grading.
 - 4.

Conversation

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Cultural Comparison

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