

*Français 3 – Travail pour les vacances de l'été – 2017***Soyez les bienvenus au français 3!**

Il faut compléter ce travail pendant les vacances pour pratiquer le français régulièrement et de réussir en français 3. Avec ces vidéos, vous pouvez écouter le français authentique et apprendre un peu de la culture francophone. S'il vous plaît, complétez le travail avant le premier jour de la class en août.

I. *Le Tour de France* – This is a huge sporting event in France and watched by millions around the world. The French consider it as important (or nearly) as the Olympic Games (*les Jeux Olympiques*) or the World Cup (*la Coupe du Monde*). It will start on July 1 in Germany (for the first day) and run for about three weeks. There will be live coverage in the morning (starting around 5:00 a.m.) and highlights from the day every evening at 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. In previous years it has been shown on the *NBC Sports channel*. The official website is www.letour.fr (*en français*) or www.letour.com. I would like you to tune in to the coverage as often as possible, not so much to watch the riders but to look at the amazing helicopter shots of France, to see all the beautiful villages, to see how the spectators behave, and to get a better understanding of the French view of this *Grande Boucle* of the cycling world. The most important day to watch is the last one (July 23rd), when they ride up the Champs-Élysées and make a loop around Paris ten times before the victors get their final trophies (but be sure to watch several other days as well). The morning live coverage is when they'll show all the great helicopter shots, so record that, if possible, to watch once you wake up, rather than watch the evening highlights, which will focus only on the race itself. There are also short daily videos of a couple minutes each, available on the official website ("landscape of the day" and the like).

Once the Tour is over, I would like you to **write at least ten sentences** (*en français, naturellement !*) about what you learned from what you watched (or from what you read on the official website). I DO NOT want a list of who won or lost or mere sports statistics. I want to know what you learned about France and French culture.

II. Bastille Day – *Le Quatorze Juillet* – This is the French National Holiday. Try to find a French restaurant or café (Los Angeles has many) that is having some kind of special lunch or dinner on July 14th and go check it out. Try some French foods that you've never tried before. **Be prepared to describe** what you did (*en français*) to the rest of the class.

III. YouTube et DailyMotion Vidéos

Pour chaque vidéo, il faut:

A. *Regarder la vidéo une ou plusieurs fois pour bien comprendre.*

B. *Répondre à ces quatre (4) questions pour chaque vidéo. Chaque réponse a besoin de deux (2) phrases complètes ou plus (two or more complete sentences).*

1. What is the video about?
2. Who is/are the main characters?
3. Explain something about the video. Explain something you found out or learned.
4. Write down/copy a phrase (ten consecutive words) from the video/audio.

i. UEFA EURO 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1LHJYxNB08>

ii. Cannes 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnba6NTGr3I>

iii. Cathédrale de Reims:

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x488g76_cathedrale-de-reims-restauration-de-la-grande-rose-episode-6-restauration-des-vitraux_creation

iv. La Semaine de la langue française:

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3yqxjg_1-edition-2016-de-la-semaine-de-la-langue-francaise-et-de-la-francophonie_creation

v. Bravo - Dis-moi dix mots: http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x28h7nc_bravo-dis-moi-dix-mots-2014-2015_school

In addition to these videos, I would like you to find some yourselves (at least 30). The goal is for you to watch one clip per day of between 4-12 minutes, either in French entirely (on any subject) or partly in French that describes/teaches some aspect of the French language or culture. (You could binge-watch a bunch all in one

day, if you're going out of town and won't have much time, but it would be better for you to listen to a little French every day.)

For each of these additional videos, you will need to write down the name of the series (i.e. "Learn French with Pascal"), the title of the individual episode ("Passé Composé – 2") and two sentences (*en français*) describing what you learned from it. You should collect this information all on one or two sheets of paper. Make a table of it. A form for you to use is posted on my website on the summer assignment page "Les devoirs de l'été."

Par exemple:

<i>La serie</i>	<i>L'épisode/sujet</i>	<i>Ce que j'ai appris</i>

Some suggested YouTubers to watch are:

Français Authentique

Frencheeze

Français avec Pierre

Comme une française

Extra in French with subtitles (French sitcom - 13 episodes using simple language with French subtitles)

Français Bla Bla

Miraculous Ladybug et Chat Noir (make sure it's in French because it's available in multiple languages)

France 24

Learn French Through Music

Ecoutez RFI en direct et en images

Comptines et Chansons

Learn French with Pascal

Learn French with Alexa (Polidoro)

Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication (dailymotion.com)

French in Action (www.learner.org) – series created in the 1980s using the immersion method to teach French (no translation or subtitles). There is a long list of videos of about 28 minutes each that use repetition and examples to teach grammar and vocabulary. Click on the little boxes marked "vod" next to each episode.

There are links to several of these sites on my website under "Des liens utiles" (useful links).

YouTube has music videos in French by popular artists like Zaz, Stromae, Bruno Pelletier, Céline Dion, Garou, Jean-Jacques Goldman, France Gall, Patricia Kaas, and many more. If they don't have subtitles, you can usually find the lyrics for their songs on other websites.

6teen – Canadian animated series on dailymotion.com about a group of 16-yr.-olds, definitely worth checking out! It was originally in English, but there are at least six episodes available in French as well. Look for the ones labeled “S01E01” through “S01E06”.

If you have a hobby for which you like to watch instructional videos (sports, painting, beauty, fashion, drawing, cooking, health, crafts, etc.), search for the topic using the French words for it, and you will probably find a large number of videos on the subject but in French (so you can learn the language while learning about something else that interests you as well).

TV5Monde.com has some practical, interactive pages for practicing French. Click on the link that says "Apprendre le français," and explore the activities designed for students of an A1 or A2 level. They have little one-minute videos to watch and then short comprehension exercises to see how well you understood what you heard. There are also short dictation exercises to try, which will improve both your listening and your spelling skills.

Feel free to explore the innumerable resources out there for learning and practicing French. There are podcasts (like “One Thing in a French Day” and “Native French Speech”), radio stations (RFI), news websites (France 24), encyclopedias of history and culture (Wikipedia), and so many visual aids (Google.fr/images) you could create your own mini-immersion in the language. You don't have to go crazy, of course, but do find one or two of these resources that you like, and do some reading/listening about the French language and culture on a regular basis (20 minutes a day). Learning French is not difficult, but it does require some time and effort. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it!

N'oubliez pas d'aller dehors quelque fois et de vous amuser bien cet été!

Bonnes Vacances!