

Incoming Eighth Grade Required Summer Spanish Assignment

A MINIMUM of **1000 "XPs"** (points) in **Duolingo** over the course of 10 weeks of summer vacation.

That means at least 100 XPs a week -- feel free to do more! The more you do, the more you learn (and the more credit you earn in my class). Por favor, do it as often as possible, and not 1000 XPs the day before school starts. Your brain needs frequent check-ins, in order to retain all the new words and grammar structures. Cramming doesn't really work when learning a new language!

Make sure you join Señora H's online Duolingo classroom before you start this assignment! That way I can see what you have done and give you credit on the very first day of school.

The classroom is called "CCLCS Class of 2025," and the link is www.duolingo.com/classroom/mxuzma

If you have any questions, you can send them to shemeonmcmahon@cclcs.info.



In addition, here is an EXTRA-CREDIT Summer Assignment!!

Choose **ONE** of the following two assignments:

- A. Read a book in English that has to do with Hispanic culture** (either from any of the 20 official Spanish-speaking countries, or having to do with Hispanic culture found within the U.S.A.)

Then, please do the following:

- 1. Draw an illustration for a cover design for the book*
- 2. Write a one-page summary of the story in English – Be sure to state what the book has to do with Hispanic culture!*

3. *Make a list of 10 words that are in Spanish in the book, along with their English translations (look them up in your Spanish-English dictionary). NOTE: If there aren't 10 words to be found in Spanish in your book, choose words in English that you haven't already learned in class and translate them into Spanish.*

Feel free to choose your own book, but if you get stuck here is a list of possible choices (there are many, many others!)

- Sisters/Hermanas, by Gary Paulsen
- Silent Dancing: A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican Childhood, by Judith Ortiz Cofer
- Parrot in the Oven, by Victor Martínez
- The Maldonado Miracle, by Theodore Taylor
- Books by Scott O'Dell, such as The Spanish Smile and The Black Pearl (easy reading)
- Books by Gary Soto, such as A Summer Life, Buried Onions, Boys at Work (also easy reading)
- Books by Isabel Allende, such as The House of the Spirits, Zorro, and Inés of My Soul (more challenging, mature reading -- definitely worth it!)
- Books by Ernest Hemingway, such as For Whom the Bell Tolls and Old Man and the Sea (also more challenging, mature reading, but you'll never regret it – they're classics!)
- Juan Ponce de Leon and the Fountain of Youth, by Jane Sutcliffe
- The Circuit, by Francisco Jimenez (also its sequel Breaking Through)
- Esperanza Rising, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (easy reading)
- Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero, by David Maraniss

To help you decide on a book you might enjoy reading, you may obtain a synopsis (summary) on any of the above titles by going on the Internet to www.amazon.com and clicking on "editorial review" for each book.

ALSO GOOD = Any biographies written about famous Hispanics (there are so many!) You may obtain a comprehensive list of names by going on the Internet and searching under the topic "Famous Hispanics."

LAST BUT NOT LEAST = If you enjoy reading poetry, there are so many well-known Hispanic poets whose poems have been translated into English, such as Federico Garcia Lorca (Spain) and Pablo Neruda (Chile).

B. Watch the Spanish channel on television, or a movie in Spanish. *As you watch and listen, fill out the "Word Recognition" sheet that I've attached below. Write down words in Spanish that you recognize (try for a total of at least 75), and then write the English translation next to each Spanish word.*

If you don't reach the maximum number of words from one sitting, try it again with another program/movie in Spanish at another time...after all, you have all summer! A movie in Spanish may be an authentic one that is originally in Spanish, like "The Grandfather", "The Sea Inside," or "Under the Same Moon," or it could be any movie that has the capability of changing over to the Spanish language.

If it is an authentic Spanish movie from a Spanish-speaking country and you would like some extra credit, you may write a short summary of it on the back of the Word Recognition sheet and tell the class about it when we get back to school in September.

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P.S. Please don't forget to bring in any resources you may have from last year (for example, your Spanish binder with any handwritten notes and vocab sheets inside) on the first day of school as well!

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WORD RECOGNITION SHEET: SPANISH WORDS WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

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