## Junior Year IB Summer Assignment

French II, M. Larson 2025

Please complete the following assignments over the summer for IB French this fall. This will help to keep you in practice with French. It will be counted as the first test grade.



1. Journal - Keep a journal every week through-out the summer. Practice writing in French! Each journal entry should be a paragraph or two (approximately 50-100 words). This will not be graded on the perfection of the language, but on completion of the assignment. Feel free to experiment and make mistakes. The journal must be written entirely by you, no long quotes and of course no google translate! <u>It must</u> <u>be handwritten</u>.

Some topics to journal on might include:

- Your reaction to current events. Read lemonde.fr or lefigaro.fr at least once a week and comment.
- Exciting events from your life.
- Your thoughts on a new discovery about French language or culture.
- Try to use the words from the list of connectors on the back of this paper. They are important in writing in French.
- June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25 (these are the dates for the journal.)

**2. French films** - Watch at least 2 French films. Write a reaction to each film. (75+ words each.) Some suggested films include:

La Nouvelle Guerre des Boutons (2011) Les Quatre Cents Coups (1959) Le Petit Nicolas (2009) any one of the recent (last 25 years) related to Astérix et Obélix (Astérix et Obélix contre César, Astérix aux Jeux Olympiques, etc.)



## Stay off of google translate (automatic 0). wordreference.com is fine.

## 3. Mini-Présentation

- Take an interesting picture of your summer experiences.
- Be prepared to give a 3 minute presentation on your picture when you come back in the fall.
- You may use an index card with 20 words on it to help you remember, but otherwise the presentation must be memorized.

Any questions please contact me via the school e-mail at jlarson@theproutschool.org.

## Mots charnières pour l'examen BI

Begin reviewing these words and use them in your writing. They are really important for good writing and will help greatly on the IB exam in 2027.

Autrefois/Jadis/Auparavant = In the past D'abord = First Ensuite = Then Puis = Next Enfin = Finally

Récemment = Recently En général = Usually En ce qui concerne = As far as...is concerned D'ailleurs (ou) Par ailleurs = Besides

Quant à (quant aux...) = As for Néanmoins = Nevertheless Cependant = Yet En revanche = On the other hand Toutefois = However Sinon = Otherwise Par contre (ou) Au contraire = On the contrary Tandis que (ou) Alors que = Whereas

En outre = Moreover Parmi = Among De plus = Furthermore Entre autres = Among other things Par-dessus tout = Among all things En effet = Indeed Etant donné que = Since

C'est pourquoi = That is why Car/Parce que = Because Donc (ou) Par conséquent = Therefore Selon (moi)/D'après (moi) = According to (me) A mon avis = In my opinion Finalement = Finally <u>C'est la raison pour laquelle = That is why</u> En fin de compte = In the end En résumé (ou) En conclusion (ou) Bref = In short

A l'avenir = In the future \*Underlined transition words have advanced grammar built in!