

IB French II - Summer Assignment

Objective: *This assignment has several purposes. First, it is important to continue writing in French throughout the summer so you keep your skills sharp. Writing is a major component of the IB exam. The second goal is to help you become more aware of events taking place in the Francophone world. The IB exam focuses mainly on current topics affecting the world today and the exam pulls sources from various French speaking countries. You may even come across a topic that you may want to develop into your IB interview.*

You may complete this assignment in your summer journal from last summer or begin a new notebook, but I would like each entry turned in together and in an organized manner.

** For newly registered students, please start this assignment the week of registration

- For each week (a total of 8 weeks), you need to research a current event in a francophone country. To see a list of francophone countries, please <http://www.fll.vt.edu/French/francophonie.html>
- You should research countries where French is the official or national language. **Each week should focus on a different francophone country.**
- Copy the current event which can be in English or French and put it into your notebook. Each article needs to be cited correctly.
- For each article, write 2 paragraphs in French. Each paragraph should be at least 5 sentences long and in French. The first paragraph should summarize the article and you should discuss your opinions and reactions in the second paragraph.
- To find current event articles, you may look in newspapers, magazines or on line. A couple useful sites are yahoo.fr, France2.fr or lemonde.fr.
- **Grade** – this assignment will be worth 100 points which will go into the first quarter grade book. The grade will be based on attention to the above requirements, grammar and sentence structures.



Bon été!!