

# AP Spanish Summer Optional Assignment

School Year 2021-2022

## Noticias

- Part of being a well versed AP language student is keeping an eye on current events. You will have the option to keep a weekly news journal proving that you are keeping yourself informed of the biggest stories in Spanish speaking news. These stories may or may not be about the Spanish speaking countries themselves, but should be taken from Spanish language news sources so that you can practice comprehension.
  - Provide a full headline for the story you will summarize.
  - If your news comes from an audio source, name the title and speaker(s) as well as the outlet from which you took the audio.
  - Cite the story properly (using MLA format).
  - Write approximately one to two paragraphs reacting to what you read or saw. Feel free to editorialize, not just give the facts themselves. Expressing your opinions now will help you prepare for the exam in May 2023.
  
- There are many, many acceptable sources for this project, but a few links to help are:
  - [www.lanacion.com.ar](http://www.lanacion.com.ar)
  - <http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/>
  - [www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com)
  - <http://www.eltiempo.com/>
  - <http://eltiempolatino.com/>
  - <http://www.elcomercio.com/>
  - <http://www.emol.com/>

We suggest that your journal include about 10 entries (approximately 1 per week of summer). We encourage you to use circumlocution and context clues to understand as much of the content of each article as possible and to use [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com) or [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) to look up individual terms. Please avoid using any translation software to read and comprehend the articles or audio audio sources beyond individual terms or short word combinations. Instead, practice comprehending as much as you can and writing your summaries in YOUR OWN WORDS (as opposed to writing in English then translating). This way, your summer practice will be far more productive and effective!