

FRENCH 3 – SYLLABUS

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Textbook – IBook entitled: Le Monde Francophone

FIRST TRIMESTER

1. Chapter 1 – Les Pays

Readings:

- Introduction to the history of the Common Market and the European Union
- Description of the member countries of the European Union
- What are the advantages of membership in the European Union?
- What are some of the current complexities involved in the European Union?

Grammar:

-Passé Composé: Uses; formation regular verbs in this tense; the passé composé with être; irregular past participles

2. Chapter 2 - Les Fleuves

Readings:

- definition, geological information
- the major rivers in France today including some of the historical significance involved with each river.

Grammar: Prepositions with Geographical expressions.

- How to say to, at, in and from with various geographical entities.
- The difference of cities versus other entities
- The difference between feminine and masculine countries
- some exceptions

Grammar: Future Tense

- Formation of regular verbs
- Formation of common irregular verbs
- Spelling changes of some –er verbs in the future

3. Chapter 3: Les Grandes Villes

Readings:

- The fifteen largest cities and some important data concerning those cities

Grammar: The Imperfect Tense

- Formation
- Use of this tense
- Some irregular verbs in the imperfect, because of their irregularity in the present tense

Grammar: Negative Expressions

- Formation
- Placement of the negative in various grammatical situations: different tenses, negative sentences; inverted questions

Chapter 4: Les Pays Francophones

Readings:

- France in relation to Western Europe
- Other French speaking countries in Western Europe

Grammar: The Subjunctive

- Formation – what type of clause, what is present that requires the use of the subjunctive
- Some common irregular verbs
- Some common irregular verbs in the subjunctive that have two stems
- Introduction to a few common uses of the subjunctive

Grammar: Adjectives

- Formation of regular adjectives in the feminine singular, masculine plural and feminine plural.
- Irregular formation of these forms for some adjectives

Chapter 5: The Louvre

Readings:

- What is the Louvre today?
- History of the building
- Some of the major holdings of this museum
- Some satellite museums related to the Louvre

Grammar: The comparative and superlative of adjectives

- Formation involving comparatives of superiority, inferiority and equality
- Formation of the superlative of adjectives.
- Irregular formation of the comparative and superlative of the adjective **bon**.

SECOND TRIMESTER

Chapter 6: La Marseillaise

Readings:

- The motto of the French Republic
- History of the French national anthem.
- The French flag

Grammar: Formation of Questions in French

- Questions formed by intonation
- Questions formed by est-ce que?
- Questions formed by inversion
- Some exceptions

Chapter 7: La Tour Eiffel

Readings:

- History of the Eiffel Tower
- Facts about the tower: who constructed it? what are the basic physical facts? What is the cultural importance of the Eiffel Tower?

Grammar: Direct and Indirect Object Pronouns

- Listing of the pronouns
- Placement of Object Pronouns with simple verbs, verbs + infinitive, preceding beginning with a vowel or mute h, compound tenses; inverted questions
- Uses of direct and indirect object pronouns

Chapter 8: La Sorbonne

Readings:

- History of the building
- Uses of the building in the past and today

Grammar: The pronouns Y and EN

- Importance the small pronoun Y
- what noun does it replace?
- use of Y to replace prepositions of location + a noun
- Use of the pronoun EN
- En replacing a quantity expression
- En replacing de in several other major situations

Chapter 9: Charles de Gaulle

Readings:

- History and accomplishments of Charles de Gaulle
- The Charles de Gaulle airport

Grammar: Subjunctive continued

- review of the formation of the subjunctive
- Some of the major uses of the subjunctive
 - expressions of wishing, willing, commanding etc.
 - expressions of emotion and feelings
 - expressions of doubt and opinion
 - expressions involving unknown or unfound antecedents
 - expressions involving certain conjunctions
 - expressions involving superlative words
- Notable exceptions involving verbs that normally do not take the subjunctive except in a negative or interrogative situation.

Chapter 10: Les Pays Francophones (expanded beyond Europe)

Readings:

- definition of the French word “Francophonie” versus “francophonie.”
- Discussion of some countries that are French speaking today and why that is so.

Grammar: Future Perfect

- Formation – reviewing the passé composé first
- Some uses of the Future Perfect especially after certain conjunctions
- Agreement of the past participle in the Future Perfect

THIRD TRIMESTER

Chapter 11: Le Petit Prince

Readings:

- History of the author – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- nature and word choice of the author for this story
- Chapter 1
- Chapter 2
- Questions for homework concerning comprehension of these two readings

Grammar: Review of Object Pronouns; Partitive Articles

- Object pronouns – Direct and Indirect pronouns and their placement in the sentence
- The partitive and its relation to the pronoun EN
- Meaning and usage of the partitive article

Chapter 12: The French Government Today

Readings: The Fifth Republic

- History including a brief overview of the French Revolution
- The composition of the French government today
- Provinces and Départements
- Various data concerning the French Republic today

Grammar: Relative Pronouns

- Nature of the Relative Pronoun in English
- Relative Pronoun in French: subject of the sentence, object of the sentence, object of a preposition involving a person, object of a preposition involving a thing, object of the preposition de, location prepositions, no antecedent
- A practical methodology for finding the correct Relative Pronoun