

C.K. McClatchy High School

2008-2009

Instructor: Monsieur Dee Robbins

Course/Book: *Français 1:* *Discovering French -- Bleu* by Valette/Valette.
Français 2: *Discovering French -- Blanc* by Valette/Valette.
Français 3: *Discovering French -- Rouge* by Valette/Valette.

Grading:

10 %	Classroom Participation / Preparation	
10 %	Homework	A 90 - 100 %
10 %	Special Oral Presentations	B 80 - 89 %
10 %	Special Written Presentations	C 70 - 79 %
30 %	Oral Exams	D 60 - 69 %
30 %	Written Exams	F 0 - 59 %

Classroom Participation:

Participation in class is a must! Students must participate in order to prepare for the quizzes and exams. Students are expected to speak French, and the class will be conducted in French as much as is reasonably possible. Coming to class prepared with a pen, pencil, paper, homework, "homework stamp sheet", and covered book will also be part of the participation grade.

Participation points will be given daily (100 points a semester). You lose points by not coming prepared, not actively participating, not answering questions in class, doing homework in class, sleeping, putting on make-up, using an electronic device (calculators, gameboys, cell phones, etc.) or by disruptive behavior. It is possible to lose more than one point a day.

If a cell phone rings (or vibrates loud enough to be heard) or a student is caught playing, listening to, looking at, or typing on an electronic device (this includes calculators), I will confiscate it until the end of class. If a student gives me an attitude and does not hand over the electronic device quickly and without a problem, then I will confiscate it and give it to the Vice Principal or a referral will be given and detention or Saturday school assigned. Starting with the 3rd time that I confiscate an electronic device, it will go directly to the Vice Principal every time after that.

Homework & Special Assignments:

Assigned homework must be completed before coming into the classroom the next day. It will be checked and a stamp given at the beginning of the period. It will then be the responsibility of the student to keep the "Homework Stamp Sheet" and turn it in for credit at the end of each quarter. Failure to turn in this "Homework Stamp Sheet" will result in a zero in the homework portion of the overall grade. Please don't lose your stamp sheet!

A stamp may be given daily for having your covered book with you in class. This daily stamp will be part of your overall homework grade.

The "Homework Stamp Sheet" will also serve as a bathroom pass. In order to go the restroom, a student must ask in French (Puis-je aller aux toilettes?) and have his/her "Homework Stamp Sheet". Students that do not have their "Stamp Sheet" will lose 2 bathroom passes to go to the restroom.

If the "Homework Stamp Sheet" is lost, the student must provide proof of completed homework for assignments after the last time that I collected the "stamp sheet". Also, the student will lose all free restroom passes and any book check stamps previously given.

A workbook will be provided for various assignments in class. It will remain in the classroom.

The students will also have special oral presentations and special written assignments. For example: "Les Sagesses" will be turned in at the end of each semester. They must be well written in blue or black ball point pen (not a combination of both). You must skip a line between each new "Sagesse", and have nice margins on top, bottom, and both sides. This is to be done neatly, no white-out or crossed out words. You may write on both sides of the paper, if your pen does not bleed through. Typed "Sagesses" will not be accepted.

Oral & Written Exams:

It is the express goal of this class to prepare the students to be capable of oral and written communication in French. In order to evaluate the accomplishment of this goal, oral and written tests will be given with each chapter quiz and exam. There may be "Pop Quizzes" from time to time. There will be no make-ups for "Pop Quizzes." Also, there will be a comprehensive final exam at the end of each semester.

Make-up quizzes or tests will only be allowed with an excused absence and the excused absence slip must be given to the Teacher within three (3) days.

The make-up quiz or exam will be taken the day the student returns to class, unless the student was absent for 2 or more days. Then the student will have an extra day or two to prepare. There will be no make-ups for final exams. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the teacher that a make-up quiz or exam is needed. Please ask a friend to see what assignments or tests were missed while you were absent.

Make-up quizzes or exams will only be the written portion of the test. The percentage earned on the written will then be used as the oral grade for that quiz or exam.

Late work for special assignments (not regular homework or quizzes/tests) will lose 20% for every day late. Be responsible, turn your work in on time.

Citizenship Grade:

I have 3 rules: 1) Soyez à l'heure. 2) Soyez préparé(e). 3) Respectez les uns les autres.

Students are to treat each other and the teacher with respect, have a good attitude, be on time, and promote a positive classroom atmosphere where learning may take place. Put-downs will not be tolerated. At no time will a student be allowed to make fun of, tease, harass, or in any way bother or embarrass another student or the teacher. This behavior can not be tolerated because students must feel safe from ridicule so that they will be willing to speak the language without fear of being teased or made fun of.

All aspects of the Student Handbook will apply.

Foul language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Food or drink will not be allowed in the classroom unless specifically approved by the Teacher.

Bottled water in a clear plastic bottle is approved.

Please understand that putting on make-up, lipstick, fingernail polish, hair spray, lotion, looking in a mirror, or brushing and braiding hair, really makes me upset! Don't do it! If you do, I will yell "T'es belle/beau, toi!" at you. This means that you are "beautiful" and to put it away immediately! Also, reading and doing homework for another class is not acceptable.

Citizenship grades will be tabulated on a daily basis.

Tardies and truancies will be reflected in the citizenship grade. A tardy results in a daily participation point being taken away, while truancies result in 2 points being taken away. Six tardies or two truancies may result in an unacceptable (U) grade and result in detention and/or Saturday school!

I do not allow make-up work if a student is suspended.

Teacher's Note:

I am looking forward to a very exciting and wonderful year of learning, speaking, singing, reading, writing, discussing and enjoying the French language. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you better, and I will do my best to learn all of your names as quickly as possible. Please be kind to me, I have a hard time learning names, but I will do my best!

Please let me know at the beginning of class, in private, if you are having a "bad day" (example: cat died, boy / girl friend dumped you, bad hair day, etc.). I will do my best to be sensitive to your "terrible condition" and not call on you. However, if you do not tell me, how am I suppose to know that your life is extremely miserable at the moment?

Please let me know when it is your birthday, or someone else's! The class will sing "Happy Birthday" to you in French. We will sing to those who have had a birthday over the summer the first or second week of school.

I do not allow food, gum, or drinks in class unless approved by myself. Fund-raisers for other clubs, etc. are not allowed during class. They must take place before or after class.

May this year go well! Remember that learning is a two way process. I am supposed to help you learn by doing what Teachers do (teach, come prepared, be patient, enthusiastic, etc.), and you are suppose to actively learn by doing what students are suppose to do (come prepared, participate, take notes, study, smile, be happy!).

Bon courage, bonne chance, et étudiez bien cette année! Le français est amusant!