

# **AP GERMAN SUMMER WORK**

Sommer 2023

Liebe AP-SchülerInnen,

*Es freut mich so sehr, euer AP-Lehrer nächstes Jahr zu sein. Ich hoffe, dass wir zusammen ein lustiges und produktives Jahr haben werden. Ich bin begeistert, neue Dinge mit euch auszuprobieren und dabei auch neue Themen anzugehen. Hoffentlich wird das Jahr ein bisschen einfacher für uns sein, als dieses Jahr war. Aber neue Jahre bringen sowohl ihre Höhepunkte, als auch ihre Herausforderungen. Auf eine helle und freudige Zukunft! :-))*

*Euer,  
Herr Welch*

*\*\*\*Here are your summer assignments. Read carefully and thoroughly! You may do these activities in any order, but you must do them all, and finish them **before** the start of the school year. Please join the Google Classroom as soon as possible. The code is: **hols5ov***

*You must submit your summer work to the Google Classroom by **August \_\_\_\_, 2023 at 11:59pm**. But don't wait until the last minute! Plan ahead. Make a schedule for your summer work and **stick to it**.*



**1. Go to the AP German website** by following this link:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-german-language-and-culture/exam>, and familiarize yourself with the structure of the exam. You must know the **six themes**, both in German and in English. (*What if I quiz you on them am ersten Schultag?? ;-)*)

**2. Bookmark and/or sign up for notifications** from the AP German class on Google Classroom. This is how I communicate with you outside of the classroom, and where I post assignments and links. You need to be sure you won't miss anything.

**3. Choose a fairy tale from Grimms collection.** There are hundreds available, so please do not choose one that you are already familiar with. If you google "Grimms Märchen kostenlos"

you will find plenty of websites where you can read them all for free. Here is one I just found: <http://www.grimmsmaerchen.net/grimmaerchen.html>. They are old, so don't be alarmed if the spelling seems a bit funky. That's just the way it is.....kinda like reading Shakespeare in English. Pick one, read it, and be ready to retell it to the class at some point in the first few weeks of school (auf Deutsch natürlich...).

4. **Choose a podcast** from <https://slowgerman.com/> on a topic of interest to you. At the top of the page, hover over "Audio" and from the drop down menu, you can either choose "Alle Episoden" and browse that way, or you can view the podcasts by category. Listen to the podcast and **write a summary of the podcast auf Deutsch in which you: 1) describe what you learned about that aspect of German culture, and 2) compare that aspect of German culture to how we view/experience the same thing in U.S. culture.** In addition, you must include a list of **20 vocabulary words** that would be helpful to know for learning about this topic. Please list the words in a neat table with three columns: German word, part of speech, and English translation. *It would benefit you to choose a topic you are not terribly familiar with, and that you have not already discussed in German class.*

5. Over the summer, you must **join our AP Deutsch FlipGrid (flipgrid.com/9c5cc84c), log in, and record 3 separate videos of between 1-2 minutes each, auf Deutsch natürlich.** The content of the message is up to you, but try to make them interesting. The videos should be well-done, but should showcase your ability to speak spontaneously. You may plan out what you will say, but don't read from a script. Remember--these are time stamped. **You must space out the videos by at least 1 week.** Full credit will not be given if there is not at least one week in between each video. My suggestion is that you do one shortly after school ends this year, one at some point in July, and then one at some point in August. Videos from vacation spots are always fun to watch!

6. In addition to posting your own FlipGrids, you must **record a video response to 3 different classmates' videos.** These response videos must be about 1 minute long and in German. If you can't figure out how to record a response on FlipGrid, send me an email and I will help. In your response you should react to and/or expand upon what your classmate talked about. My suggestion would be to record the response in the same sitting as when you record your own video. That way, you will not forget to do the response videos! **Your response videos must also be spaced out by at least 1 week.**

7. **Write (type) an essay about one interesting thing you did this summer.** This essay should be more than a choppy list of activities! Highlight one activity (an event) and expand on it. You can explain how you felt, what you thought, compare it with something else, etc. The essay should be a minimum of **200 words (just about a page)**, level-appropriate and be grammatically accurate. You will present this activity to the class orally when school begins. You may NOT just read the essay out loud. Visuals may be used and are strongly encouraged. Note cards are not permitted. We want to get you super comfortable speaking spontaneously and this is a great way to start.

*\*\*\*I'm not going to give you any grammar work over the summer. You are expected to have a solid handle on the major grammatical concepts we have covered over the last three years. So take the summer to brush up and practice anything that you feel is a weakness. The internet is an endless resource for this. Try YouTube, revisit those grammar videos from middle school, or just try googling something like "German adjective endings." You will find lots of helpful information. I also like this website where you can find tons and tons of grammar worksheets with answer keys: <https://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html>.*

*These directions will probably be one of the few things you will receive in English during the AP German course. They are written in English to avoid any confusion over the summer vacation while our minds are in "summer mode."*

*And yes, everything on here will be graded ;-)*

*If you have any questions or issues, please contact me over the summer via email at [twelch@westfordk12.us](mailto:twelch@westfordk12.us). Don't wait until we return to school!*

*OK.....das wär's!*

*tschau for now.....*

# ***SCHÖNE SOMMERFERIEN!!***

