**FRANÇAIS I: LA FRANCE 1er SEMESTRE 2015-16**

**Summary:** You will research and do an oral presentation about France using facts and images with the objective of teaching our class something about the wonderful target language country we are learning about: VIVE LA FRANCE!!

**Process**: You will complete internet and library research, and upload images for your presentation. You may not plagiarize any material you come across. Rather, you will put that information in your own words.

You will be allotted some time in the language lab to research and create your presentation, and to collaborate with your partner, but this will also require some at-home attention. Your best bet is to create your own Google Slides presentation, which will allow you to eventually merge your half of the presentation with your partner to become one final product, and so that both you and your partner can have access to the same presentation at the end and help each other fine-tune.

**Content**: Make sure your content is accurate, but interesting. For example, don't just say "Paris is the capital of France." Tell us why or how it became that. Also, give us several interesting facts besides the usual population data or geographic locations.

For every image you share with us, make sure that you have something engaging to say about it, rather than just a title, i.e. If you just say “This is the Eiffel Tower,” my reaction to that is “So?! Tell me something about it!” But if you say, “The Eiffel Tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel in \_\_\_\_\_ to highlight France’s participation in the \_\_\_\_\_ World’s Fair.” That is a memorable statement and your classmates will remember it.

**Format**: You will use a PowerPoint-like presentation format (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, etc.) You will add labels to your images, and even draw on them, but you should avoid having large amounts of text on your presentation. Your images should be colorful, accurate and draw the viewers’ interest and attention.

**Narration**: You must narrate your presentation in your own words (without plagiarizing from your research) with the goal of sharing with the class what you have learned about France. We want to learn from you. If you plagiarize, you will receive a ZERO for the project. You may have one small note card as a “cheat sheet,” but you should not be reading all of your information to the class. Remember, this is an oral presentation. Therefore, your presentation manner must be engaging, enthusiastic and interesting.

**RESEARCH TOPICS:** The following topics will be presented in order:

**\*1. Pre-History and Birth of Nation**: Cave-dwellers, Gauls, Franks, Romans

**\*2. Middle Ages, Renaissance and Enlightenment** (1100-1750)

**3. French Revolution** (1750) and Post-Revolution (1800s)

**\*4. 20th-21st Century** (1900-2000s): include current political system and president, population, interesting facts about contemporary society

**5. Geography of France:** major geographical features, regions, natural wonders and architectural feats (exclude Paris!)

**6. Paris:** founding of the city, major monuments, arrondissement system, etc.

**\*7. Art/Music/Scientific Discoveries/Inventions**

**8. French Symbols:** flag, motto, anthem, symbols, national character

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:** You must include the following requirements in your presentation:

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C:\Users\gonzaleza\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HOTCEK4K\MC900015060[1].wmfA hard copy of your presentation and research notes to Mme González at least two (2) days before your presentation.

C:\Users\gonzaleza\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HOTCEK4K\MC900015060[1].wmfYou must be ready to present on the due date (based on calendar posted in class).

C:\Users\gonzaleza\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HOTCEK4K\MC900015060[1].wmfPLEASE NOTE: Technological issues will NOT be considered as an excuse for lack of preparation.