

**PRE-DIPLOMA FRENCH I
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
AUGUST 2017**

Students beginning the French 1 pre-diploma program in August 2017 should complete **one** of the following assignments which will serve as a general introduction to their study of the language, inclusive of its culture. The assignment is due during the first week of classes.

1. Find ten (10) words or expressions which have been incorporated into the English language from the French – e.g. **déjà vu**, the feeling that you have seen or heard something before. Explain the meaning of each one and use it in a sentence. You may also illustrate the meaning, if you choose. This mini-project may be presented in any suitable form of your choice – in a folder, on construction paper, as a booklet etc. The important thing is to do it neatly.

2. French is spoken on almost every continent in the world. Do research on French-speaking countries and regions of the world. Select **one** country or region where French is widely spoken, whether as a first or second language, or language of business. Write briefly on each of the following sub-headings to present the country or region you have selected:

- a) location
- b) capital city
- c) ethnic groups
- d) customs and traditions relating to food, clothing, celebrations etc.
- e) historical information explaining why French is spoken in this country or region.

This assignment may be presented in a folder, on construction paper, as a booklet. Any suitable form will be acceptable, as long as it is done neatly. You may include illustrations, if you wish.

We hope you enjoy doing one of these projects, and find it meaningful.

Bonne chance!

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