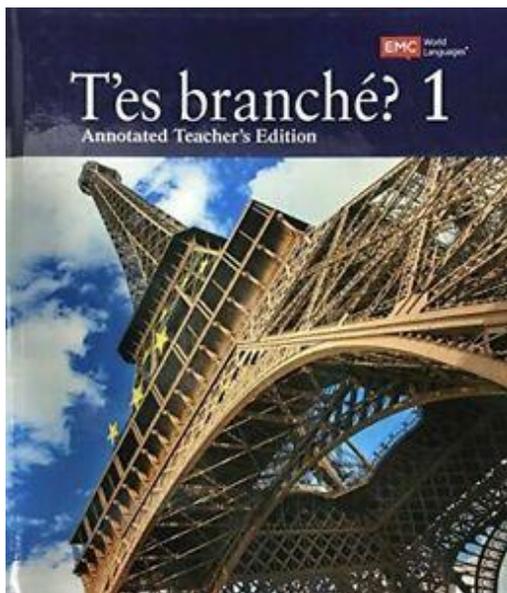


French I

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Bienvenue/Welcome!!

Congratulations on your choice to study French. French is spoken all over the world and will greatly improve your vocabulary in English!

Goals:

To improve students' communicative proficiency in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing

To introduce and expand vocabulary

To increase awareness of French-speaking cultures and geography

To encourage a love of language learning and discovery of new cultures

Preparation/Success in Class:

You must have pen/pencil, paper and iPad in class every day. Your book will be available on your iPad and there will be several copies in the classroom if you forget your device that day. To be successful in French class you should take notes on EVERYTHING we do. Date everything, your notes, assignments, and worksheets. Designate a section of a larger binder and keep everything organized by date and/or chapter. Following the above instructions will be imperative for earning a good grade in this class. In addition, over the years, I have seen what it takes to learn a language and here is what a typical "A" student looks like: He/She listens attentively and raises his/her hand almost every time in an effort to speak in class. He/She turns in all homework on time and asks me questions when they are not clear about a question on the homework or how to express something in French. He/She puts exceptional quality into presentations and projects. He/She has a clear organized binder with all of the French handouts organized by date/chapter. He/She emails me promptly when he/she is absent and usually brings in the work done even though they were gone.

General rules:

Désolé no food in class, but you can bring water bottles. Please eat before or after class. S'il vous plaît NO liquids except water in this class either. The floor is carpet and sugary drinks also attract our little friends (les insectes).

Demeanor- Be courteous and kind to your classmates and your teacher. We all want to learn in an accepting and peaceful environment. If you must be asked more than once to stop talking you risk being sent outside or to the admin for disciplinary action.

Arriving late to class:

This is part of your participation grade. Every time that you are tardy you lose a participation point. This can SERIOUSLY affect your grade as participation is 20% of your grade. If you are excessively tardy I will be calling home to address the concern.

Attendance and Participation:

Attendance and participation are vital to improving language skills. To progress in a language, you need to practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Each of you will acquire French at a different rate. Be patient and do the very best that *YOU* can. Do not be discouraged. It takes many hours of listening and practice to be able to converse easily in a second language. There are three ways to be successful in this class:

1. **Participate actively** - out loud and in your head
2. **Listen attentively** – your classmates have important things to say
3. Do all assignments thoroughly – **even if you do not think you are doing an assignment correctly, you should still complete all work (we will go over it at the beginning of class)**

During the year, you will receive a grade for participation. Participation points reflect your contributions IN FRENCH to class activities, as well your general classroom behavior. It is IMPOSSIBLE to earn these points if you do not participate whenever you get the chance.

Homework:

Assigned homework is due at the beginning of the class period.

While I am checking homework, you will be working on some kind of opening activity.

Homework will only receive credit if it is completed **before** class begins, if it is **fully completed** (even if there are errors), and if you make the necessary **corrections** in class when we review the assignments. **Sloppy work that is not complete will not be accepted.**

Late work will receive less credit and will be accepted until the end of the unit. Please write fill out a purple late work form, attach it to the late work, and put it on my desk. If the assignment was digital, you must attach it to a piece of paper that lists where I can look up the digital late work. OR you can print the digital late work and attach it.

Excused and unexcused absences:

If you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to see me about make-up work immediately upon your return to school. Your classmates fill out a pink sheet that should guide you to what you missed and what you need to do, so check your file FIRST. Ideally, you will have already checked the updates on Schoology and or emailed me about what you missed in class. If you need help, ask a classmate or see me after school so that I can go over what you missed. If you are absent for more than one day, I EXPECT you to have emailed me.

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Talk to me after school, at lunch or during the few minutes before or after class.

No credit will be earned for ANY work that shows an unexcused absence in Skyward and you are on your own to find out what you missed.

If an absence is excused and/or you were in class and would like to turn in late work: You may turn it in 1-day late for -20%. All work that is more than 1-day late will receive -30%. ALL LATE WORK must be turned in BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT. If we have already assessed the material your late work will not be accepted. ALL late work must be accompanied by a LATE GRADE REQUEST FORM. (PURPLE SHEET) Therefore, all late work must be printed and turned in to the teacher with the form stapled to it. NO CREDIT will be given for more than THREE late assignments per term. All projects deadlines HOLD FIRM and are not affected by a short-term absence. Long term absences will be handled on an individual basis. If you have late QUIZLETS or other digital work, YOU MUST STILL TURN IN A PURPLE FORM!!

Tests and Quizzes:

Tests and quizzes will be given throughout the year. There will be one after every vocab or grammar set and then a test at the end of each Unit in the book. You will have one week after a test is given to make it up unless there are extenuating circumstances and you have arranged another date with me. You will make these up following the TEST MAKEUP DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE. This can be found on my email and on every door in the language department.

Grading:

Grades are calculated according to a weighted category system. Your grade is broken down as follows:

Assessment = 30%
Homework = 20%
Tests/Projects = 20%
Final Exam = 10%
Verbal Communication/Presentations/Participation = 20%

In this course, letter grades are calculated according to the following scale:

93%-100% = A	80%-82% = B-	67%-69% = D+
90%-92% = A-	77%-79% = C+	60%-66% = D
87%-89% = B+	73%-76% = C	0%-59% = F
83%-86% = B	70%-72% = C-	

**** I do not give extra credit! ****

Speaking French:

Even from the very first lesson, you will be able to speak French in the classroom. You should always participate in French, and only in French. When you are speaking in English you are learning ENGLISH!! ☺

Extra Help:

If ever you need extra help, you are always free to meet with me outside of class. Please do not hesitate to ask for help. I want this class to be a positive and successful experience for you. You may also email me with questions.

Bon courage !!

Please sign and date the last page and return in to MADAME by the due date.

This is your first homework assignment!!

Please detach this sheet and return by: _____

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Student Name: _____ **Period** _____

(Please print)

Academic Integrity: *Students are not allowed to use automated translation engines from the Internet or any other electronic devices for any assignment. Nor can they ask a tutor to edit their compositions. Should a student be suspected to have received outside help, he/she will be given a zero on the assignment. All other school policies relating to attendance, tardies, conduct and cheating are also enforced in this class.*

Regarding cell phones and other electronic devices:

Please **put all phones in your backpack on SILENT** when you come to class. In French 1 you will not need to use your cell phone in class except possibly at the end to record your homework. If I see you looking at your phone or using it to text in class, it will be confiscated for the class period. Multiple offenses will result in an email or phone call home. Your iPads will be used in class or closed and on your desk if we are doing something without them.

Responsibility contract:

I have read, agree to, and understand the above description and my responsibilities for French class. I will adhere to these policies, responsibilities and rules, and will refer to the syllabus in case of confusion in the future.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Parents and guardians,

Please let me know how you are most easily reached.

Phone number(s)/emails:

Best time to call:

Anything else I should know about your child?