



Preparation for AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam or College Entrance Exam



~ In order to prepare students well for AP Tests, IB Tests, and College Entrance Exams, teachers of all levels must work together to teach Spanish and Latin American culture effectively and efficiently. Thus, students will be better prepared to live in a global society and to be truly proficient in Spanish. Rich cultural learning as well as language learning must be ever-present in all levels, beginning in level one.



~ Please share this document among your World Language departments and modify it to best fit the needs of your school and your students.



~ Each of the links for the cultural movies includes the trailer for the movie, where to purchase the movie, links to movie resources that include vocabulary activities, cultural information, comprehension questions, true/false quizzes, writing activities, listening activities, and extension activities. In addition, you will find additional related videos and other resources that will complement the movies and related cultural topics.

~ Some additional helpful links include:

*Popular Movies in Spanish:

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/popular_movies.html



*Popular Music in Spanish to Teach Culture, Grammar and Listening:

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/song_music_activities.html

*Tons of Grammar and Vocabulary Activities and Videos:

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/grammar_and_vocabulary.html

*Many Teaching Tools for Culture and Spanish-speaking Countries:

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/countries_and_hispanic_culture.html

Have a wonderful and productive school year!

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Level 1 – México, España, Latinos en los EEUU



~ All countries, capitals, nationalities – Map Test

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Spanish-Speaking-Countries-Capitals-Culture-and-Songs-Packet-1439438>

~ Mexico – Sports – *Atlético San Pancho* Movie in Spanish with subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/atletico_san_pancho.html

The Perfect Game - Excellent Movie in English with Spanish subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_juego_perfecto.html

The Book of Life – Mariachis, Day of the Dead, Bullfights

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/el_libro_de_la_vida.html

~ Latinos in the US – http://sparkenthusiasm.com/los_hispanos_famosos.html

Real Women Have Curves – Mostly English with some parts in Spanish (Spanish subtitles)

– Role of education and work among Hispanics

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/real_women_have_curves.html

Quinceañeras – *Almost a Woman* movie – from PBS – Excellent! Spanish with English subtitles http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/almost_a_woman.html

Hispanic Heritage Month and Latino Pride – *César Chávez* movie in English with Spanish subtitles http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/cesar_chavez_pelicula.html

~ Spain – Various cultural elements – Artists, architecture, cities to visit, flamenco, tourism, monarchy, bullfighting http://sparkenthusiasm.com/bullfighting_resources.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/spain_resources.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/ivin_la_vida_latina_presentations.html

Level 2 – México, El Caribe, Latinos en los EEUU



http://sparkenthusiasm.com/ap_readings_with_comprehension_questions.html

~ Immigration – Read articles in Spanish / Learn about citizenship process –

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/spanish_immigration_resources.html

La Misma Luna Movie in Spanish with subtitles

Teach vocabulary, show various videos, do listening activities and writing activities

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/la_misma_luna.html

~ Migrant families / Child Labor – Read articles in Spanish

MacFarland, USA Movie in Spanish with subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/mcfarland_movie.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_trabajo_infantil_videos.html

Level 2 continued – México, El Caribe, Latinos en los EEUU

~ Chicano Movement in the US / Cinco de mayo – http://sparkenthusiasm.com/cesar_chavez_película.html

Discrimination against Latinos – Bilingual education - César Chávez Movie - English

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/Caras_Conocidas_1.html

Walkout Movie in Spanish with subtitles

Teach vocabulary, show various videos, do listening activities and writing activities.

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/walkout.html>

~ Mexico and El Día de los Muertos – *COCO* Movie in Spanish with subtitles

Videos and articles in Spanish and learn about mariachis, ofrendas, and Mexican traditions.

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/coco.html>



~ Holidays – El Día de los Muertos, Las Posadas, La Navidad, El Año Nuevo, El Día de San Valentín, Las Pascuas, Cinco de mayo, La Virgen de Guadalupe

Teach vocabulary, show various videos, do listening activities and writing activities.

Holidays Around The World Event!

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/holiday_resources.html

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/holidays_of_the_spanish_speaking_world.html

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/organizing_a_holiday_event.html

Frosty The Snowman – Spanish movie with English subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/frosty_movie.html



~ The Caribbean – Cuba, Puerto Rico, The Dominican Republic - *Viva Cuba* Movie

Read articles in Spanish and answer comprehension questions.

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/viva_cuba.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/spanish_speaking_countries_resources_1.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/ivin_la_vida_latina_presentations.html



~ Education in Latin America - Bilingualism

Casi Casi Movie in Spanish with subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/Casi_Casi.html



~ Chores, Music, Family, Bravery, Heroes, Friendship – *Tangled* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/enredados_tangled.html

~ Sports, Vacations, Leisure Activities - *Gol:El Sueño Imposible* Movie in Spanish with subtitles. Read articles in Spanish and answer comprehension questions.

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/goal_the_dream_begins.html

~ España, Bullfighting & Anti-Bullying – *Ferdinand* Movie in Spanish with subtitles

Videos and articles in Spanish and learn about Spain, bullfighting, animal rights, Ronda, foods.

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/ferdinand.html>

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/bullfighting_resources.html

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Level 3 – México, La América Central, El Caribe, España y los EEUU

~ Child Soldiers – El Salvador Civil War – *Voces Inocentes* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/voces_inocentes.html

~ Illegal Immigration – *Una Vida Mejor* Movie in Spanish with subtitles

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/una_vida_mejor.html

~ Colombia – Violence, Drug Cartels – Juanes - *María, Llena Eres de Gracia* Movie

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/Colombia_videos_and_resources.pdf

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/maria_full_of_grace.html

~ Colombian immigrants living in US – *Entre Nos* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/entre_nos.html

~ Dominican Baseball Players – Learning new language in new country – *Azúcar* or *Pelotero* Movies

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/sugar.html>

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/pelotero.html>

~ Spain – Spanish Civil War – *Guernica El Viaje de Carol* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_viaje_de_carol.html

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/art_videos.html Picasso & Spanish Art

~ Conservation, Preserve Ocean Life, Environment, Responsible Pet Ownership ~

Finding Dory - *Buscando a Dory* Movie http://sparkenthusiasm.com/buscando_a_dory.html

~ Animal Cruelty, Relationships, Ofrendas, Telenovelas – *Secret Life of Pets*

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/la_vida_secreta_de_tus_mascotas.html

~ Environment and Nature – *Bee* Movie

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/el_calentamiento_global_video_1.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/bee_movie.html

~ Environment and Nature – *Happy Feet* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/happy_feet.html

~ Poverty, Guatemala, Mexico – *El Norte* Movie in Spanish with subtitles.

Read articles in Spanish and answer comprehension questions.

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_norte.html

~ Poverty, Guatemala, World Hunger, Water Crisis – *Living on One Dollar*

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Spanish-Water-Shortage-Escasez-de-Agua-Unit-Desafios-Mundiales-3078017>

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/living_on_one_dollar.html

~ Preterite / Imperfect / Traditions, Celebrations, Stages of Life – *Up* Movie

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/up_una_aventura_de_altura.html

~ Emotions, Personal Identity, Ser/Estar – *Intensa-Mente* Movie

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/intensamente.html>



Level 4 AP – La América del Sur y todos los países hispanohablantes

~ All of these topics and themes are part of the AP/IB curriculum. Students read related articles, stories from Album and Momentos Hispanos, answer comprehension questions, watch related videos with comprehension activities, and watch the movies in Spanish with Spanish subtitles.

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/ap-spanish-language-and-culture-exam-resources.html>

~ Spanish-speaking heroes, Hispanic Influence in the United States, music, art

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/the-latin-explosion.html>

~ Hispanic Heritage Month – Interactive Wax Museum with famous Latinos

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/spanish-wax-museum.html>



~ Music Genres, Beauty, Personal Identity – *Selena*

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/selena.html>

~ Music Genres, Discrimination, Personal Identity, Migrant Workers, Poverty –

La Bamba <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/la-bamba.html>



~ Holidays – La Tomatina, Los Sanfermines, Las Fallas, El Día de los Inocentes, Las Posadas, La Navidad, Semana Santa, Año Nuevo, El Día de la Independencia, etc.

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/holidays-of-the-spanish-speaking-world.html>

~ Environment, Amazon Rainforest, Illegal Animal Trafficking, Nature, Carnaval

Río <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/rio-la-pelicula.html>

~ Amazon, Deforestation, Environment and Nature – *Río 2*

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/rio-2-la-pelicula.html>



~ Lin Manuel Miranda, Environmental Conservation, Save the Oceans – *Moana*

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/moana-un-mar-de-aventuras.html>

~ Colombia / Land Mines / Juanes / Education in Latin America –

Los Colores de la Montaña <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/los-colores-de-la-montana.html>

~ South America – Venezuela, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Colombia / Che Guevara / Cuban Revolution / Social Problems – *Los Diarios de Motocicleta*

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/motorcycle-diaries.html>



~ México, Cuba, España / Immigration – *Al Otro Lado*

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/al-otro-lado.html>

~ Workers' Rights, Sweat Shops in the US, Immigration – Made in LA Documentary

<http://sparkenthusiasm.com/made-in-la.html>

~ Immigration, La Bestia, Poverty, Violence, Coyotes, Central America & Mexico – Which Way Home Documentary http://sparkenthusiasm.com/which_way_home.html

~ Immigration, Gangs, MS-13, La Bestia, Poverty – Movie http://sparkenthusiasm.com/sin_nombre.html

~ Sports, Baseball, la República Dominicana – *Pelotero* <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/pelotero.html>

~ La Argentina, La Guerra Sucia, Los Desaparecidos – *Cautiva* <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/cautiva.html>

~ La Argentina, La Guerra Sucia, Los Desaparecidos – *La Historia Oficial* http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/la_historia_oficial.html

~ Quinceañera / Educación, Importancia de la Familia, Murales, Pobreza, Estereotipos – *La Princesa y el Chico del Barrio* http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/the_princess_and_the_barrio_boy.html

~ Chile, Bolivia, Don Francisco, Media, Government – *Los 33* http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/los_33.html

~ Global Challenges, Family, Health – *La Buena Mentira* http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/la_buena_mentira.html

~ Spanish and Latin American Art and Artists http://sparkenthusiasm.com/art_videos.html

~ Stereotypes – *Zootopia* <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/zootopia.html>



***Other important topics include Family and Community, Social Challenges, Global Challenges, Social Media, Science and Technology

Students watch videos, read articles and read stories about all of these themes in level 4/AP.

http://sparkenthusiasm.com/ap_readings_with_comprehension_questions.html

<https://www.pinterest.com/sparkenthusiasm/ap-spanish-language-and-culture/>

