

Dear Student of AP Italian,

Congratulations on being accepted into AP Italian Language and Culture for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a college course in Italian and you will take an Advanced Placement exam in May 2018. During the school year, cultural topics and literature will be studied which will help in the further development of the reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Audio/visual materials and advanced reading materials will be included.

For AP Italian, you are expected to:

- Be in class on time with all necessary materials
- Hand in all assignments on time
- Be prepared to take announced tests and quizzes
- Have a binder divided into four sections or a notebook only for this class
- Purchase an AP Italian Review Book (More info. in Sept.)

In addition to exposing yourself to as much Italian as possible and reviewing all grammar topics this summer, you are also expected to complete several summer assignments, which are due on the first day of school in September. Some ways in which you can expose yourself to Italian language and culture this summer, are by watching Italian films (there are quite a few offered on Netflix), following Lucrezia Oddone on Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube and watching her Italian vlogs, which are uploaded almost daily.

Assignment #1:

Enclosed you will find a list of Vocabulary Words (Expressions of transition). Master them, as you will be quizzed on them when we return and will be using them throughout the year.

Assignment #2:

Watch an Italian movie released within the last ten years (there are many available on Netflix if you do a search for Italian language movies) and write a brief 150 word essay in Italian explaining what the movie is about and pointing out cultural differences between Italy and the United States that you observed. In addition, include a minimum of three of the “expressions of transition” in your essay and underline them.

Assignment #3:

Familiarize yourself with an overview of this course and the AP Italian Language and Culture Exam format, by visiting and exploring the following site. Thoroughly review and take notes on both PDF links and the exam practice tips.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-italian-language-and-culture>

Tante belle cose,

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## VOCABULARY

Expressions of transition to connect ideas and to add fluency to communication

allora -then, at that time, in that case  
all'inizio- at the beginning  
allo stesso tempo- at the same time  
al contrario- on the other hand  
senza dubbio- without a doubt  
neanche- not even  
invece -instead, on the other hand  
almeno - at least  
stesso -the same  
magari -I wish it were so! Maybe, probably  
anche se -even if, too  
mentre -while  
anzi -on the contrary  
mi sembra -it seems to me  
anzitutto -first of all  
basta leggere -all you have to do is read  
beh -oh well  
non vedo l'ora di -I can't wait  
benchè -although  
per concludere -in conclusion  
cioè -that is, in other words  
per dire la verità -to tell the truth  
come sai/come sa -as you know  
per fortuna -fortunately  
comunque -however  
per lo piu` -for the most part  
d'altra parte -on the other hand  
per questo -for this reason  
di solito -as usual, usually  
poi -then, after, later  
prima di tutto -first of all  
purtroppo -unfortunately  
finalmente -at last, finally  
quanto a -as for  
finchè -as long as  
fino a -until  
quindi -hence, therefore, then, afterwards  
grazie a -thanks to  
incluso -included  
secondo me -in my opinion  
infatti -in fact  
sfortunatamente -unfortunately  
inoltre -besides; also, in addition  
soprattutto -above all

in un attimo -in a moment  
subito -right away  
in questo momento -at this time  
insomma -in short, in conclusion, in a word  
tratta di -it is about  
intanto -meanwhile, in the meantime  
tutto sommato -in conclusion

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