

Extensive Reading Information

The purpose of this assignment is to develop your reading comprehension in Spanish and to encourage you to develop reading strategies to help in your comprehension. This will help to build your vocabulary and to acquire new grammar structures. This also allows personal freedom to choose topics that you find interesting, hopefully, making you a life-long reader in Spanish. If you like sports, read about sports in Spanish. If you like fashion and beauty, read about it in Spanish, etc.....

NOTE!!! You should not use a translator program on a computer, pay a tutor or native speaker to translate for you, or read an English version of your text. This defeats the purpose of the activity and will constitute in academic dishonesty.

Do not expect to locate materials the night before the assignment is due. Plan in advance. You have specific due dates listed on your syllabus. On these dates, bring the completed reading summary sheet for each article and a copy of your article in Spanish. These will not be accepted late so please make arrangements to turn in early if you will be out.

Due dates: listed on the syllabus

Word length: SPA 101 100 words per article
 SPA 102 300 words per article
 SPA 350 500 words per article

Procedure: For each article, complete the attached reading summary sheet. The summary of the text and the cultural insights may be written in English. The section on Spanish Language Concerns should be written in Spanish. You should also include a copy of the article with the summary sheet. **You will need to copy the reading summary sheet for each article you read.**

Attachments: Reading summary sheet
 List of Internet websites for newspapers and magazines (this is only a sample)

Reading Summary Sheet (fill out for each reading assignment)

Date _____

Student Name _____

Theme of Article _____

Title of Article _____

Source of Article _____

Short summary of Article (in English)

Cultural insights? What was interesting? different? anything odd?

List 4 new vocabulary words _____

List 4 new verbs learned _____

Two sentences easy to understand:

1.

2.

Two sentences hard to understand:

1.

2.

Create three questions based on text.

1.

2.

3.

Internet Websites

(only a sample... keep searching for more and let me add them)

NEWSPAPERS

- El país (Spain) <http://www.elpais.es/>
- ABC (Spain) <http://www.abc.es/>
- La Nacion (Argentina) <http://www.lanacion.com.ar/index.htm>
- COPESA (Chile) <http://www.copesa.cl/>
- El tiempo (Colombia) <http://eltiempo.terra.com.co/>
- El universo (Ecuador) <http://www.eluniverso.com/>
- El Siglo (Panamá) <http://www.elsiglo.com>
- El comercio (Perú) <http://www.elcomerciooperu.com>
- El universal (Venezuela) <http://www.el-universal.com/>
- El diario de hoy (El Salvador) <http://elsalvador.com/>
- El mundo (Spain) <http://elmundo.es/>
- El Nuevo Herald (Miami) <http://www.miami.com/elnuevoherald/>
- En español.com (mixed from several Latin American countries)
 - <http://www.enespanol.com/home.html>

MAGAZINES

- Hola (magazine) <http://.www.hola.com>
- <http://www.diezminutos.navegalia.com/10minuto/> (weekly from Spain)
- <http://www.semana.es> (weekly from Spain)
- <http://www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Pagoda/7029/magazine.html> (mixed)
- <http://web.mit.edu/fll/www/news/SpanishNewsMags.html> (more than 100 magazines and newspapers)
- <http://www.quepasa.cl/> (Chile)
- <http://www.viajes-venezuela.com/asp/index2.htm>
- <http://www.spanishnewyork.com/> (a great source for links to newspapers and magazines)