

AP Spanish Language and Culture Teaching Resources Guide

I've put together teaching resources that I've used in my classroom to help others in theirs.

My approach the AP Spanish Language + Culture curriculum is to teach the themes in the order they're presented, which are:

- Tema 1: Las familias y las comunidades
- Tema 2: La ciencia y la tecnología
- Tema 3: La belleza y la estética
- Tema 4: La vida contemporánea
- Tema 5: Los desafíos mundiales
- Tema 6: Las identidades personales y públicas

Each theme is divided by tests (or practice tests) and presentations/projects that I've written, using the AP curriculum and topics.

If you're using any of these materials as a test, I suggest the following times for these sections:

Email: 22 minutes for the first theme and then one minute less for the following themes. For example, if you follow the Themes in order, 22 minutes for Theme 1, 21 minutes for Theme 2, 20 minutes for Theme 3, etc. until you get down to 15 minutes.

The argumentative essay: 75 minutes for Theme 1, 70 minutes for Theme 2, 65 minutes for Theme 3, etc. until you get to 55 minutes for the entire essay.

The conversation (known as "The beep"): These you'll find in your textbooks and since the conversation is pre-recorded, the entire conversation is timed, so that's set for you!

Cultural Comparison: 6 minutes to read instructions and take notes, 2 minutes to speak, just like the exam. However, if you use the Cultural comparisons from Themes 1 & 2, you can see that the topics have been released beforehand so that the students can research them accordingly.

As for the activities, included are some great ideas that I've used in my class that students responded to. They are explained and tailored to classroom instruction and promote interaction amongst the students. Many of these activities do not involve technology from the students, only the teacher. For the articles that I've posted links to, please feel free to print them out and disseminate if your school does not have a 1:1 laptop program.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback regarding the resources, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us through the website or email us at makingspanishsimple@gmail.com.