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Classe _____



Félicitations! You have chosen to study French, the most frequently studied world language after English. Your world is expanding to include over 400 million first and second language speakers in more than 50 countries across 6 continents. And did you know that there are approximately 2 million people who speak French as a first language in the United States?

French is a doorway to the unique cultures of *le monde francophone*. You will have the opportunity to explore New Orleans, Quebec, Montréal, the Caribbean, North and West Africa, Europe, and islands of the Pacific Ocean, just to name a few! Through one language you can access and experience the richness of diverse places on every continent in the world!

French is a language associated with renowned artists, literary giants, medicine, science and technological breakthroughs. French is intimately connected to English. With nearly half of its vocabulary based in French; you can improve your English-language skills through the study of French. So many English expressions relate to government, law, food, art, music, dance, cinema, literature, architecture, fashion, and diplomacy. These are gifts from the French language.

As you plan your future, French can lead to fulfilling careers in so many fields: manufacturing, finance, law, government, education, the sciences, journalism, advertising, telecommunications, and tourism. Your language skills could benefit work you do with international agencies like the International Red Cross, UNESCO, the World Health Organizations, or the Peace Corps.

Imagine yourself one day as a fluent French speaker, communicating in French with people from around the world. Imagine yourself as an international student in a French-speaking country, or attending the Cannes Film Festival in France. You might be working with Médecins sans Frontières (*Doctors without Borders*), or negotiating a business deal for a multinational company.

As you begin your journey as a French speaker, doors to opportunities will open to you because you have chosen to communicate in French. Bonne chance (*Good luck*) your adventure has just begun!

Pourquoi on étudie le français? Why study French ?

Consider the reasons for studying French. Set personal objectives and goals for yourself for learning the language.

Create on an 8 ½ by 11-inch piece of computer paper, create a poster presenting why you are interested in learning French. Reflect on your personal, professional, and academic reasons for studying French. Identify long term goals for the study and application of French in your life.

Review the videos posted on our class web-page. Feel free to search the internet and discuss with your family. Use the graphic organizer below to organize your thoughts.

