

AP JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

AP Pacing Guide for Flipped Classrooms: Jan.–April 2021

! Overview

Due to the challenges associated with hybrid and remote learning in 2020–21, a significant amount of the content and skills colleges are requiring for credit will likely need to be assigned to students as homework or independent learning. This guide allows students who are currently behind to complete all course topics from the course and exam description by May. This guide assumes students will complete approximately 30 minutes of AP Daily videos (~10 minutes each) and topic questions each day in lieu of, or addition to, assignments the teacher would ordinarily give.

📅 How to Implement



This guide assumes students covered only ~33% of the course content and skills in the fall of 2020. For classes that have been forced off schedule, there may not be time for teacher-led instruction of all remaining topics.

- Teachers should **assign the AP Daily videos and topic questions** listed below as student assignments each week.
- Using the reports generated by the topic questions, teachers should focus their limited, direct class time on the Skills where students need more help.
- If students are ahead of the pace indicated below, teachers will be able to incorporate additional days or weeks to spend more time on challenging topics, practicing course skills, or reviewing for the exam.



📅 Week 1: Jan. 4–8 (Unit 3)


Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Voice message	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	💡 Topic Questions

*Prioritize the most challenging Skills for your students for direct, synchronous instruction.




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Radio Cultural Documentary	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Radio News Broadcast	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions

 **Week 2: Jan. 11–15**





Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
School Debate	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Instructions	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text.	 Topic Questions

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Cultural Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions




 **Week 3: Jan. 18–22**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Letter	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Short Story	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Conversation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 5.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal speaking. Skill 5.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal speaking.	 Topic Questions




 **Week 4: Jan. 25–29**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Text Chat	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 6.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.C: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in interpersonal writing.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Perspective Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 7.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational speaking. Skill 7.B: Use appropriate vocal and visual strategies to communicate an idea in presentational speaking. Skill 7.C: Use appropriate language and vocabulary for the intended audience in presentational speaking. Skill 7.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in presentational speaking.	 Topic Questions
Compare and Contrast Article	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 8.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational writing. Skill 8.B: Use appropriate writing strategies to communicate an idea in presentational writing. Skill 8.C: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in presentational writing. Skill 8.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in written presentations. Skill 8.E: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in presentational writing.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check




 **Week 5: Feb. 1–5 (Unit 4)**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Pre-recorded message	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Radio Broadcast	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Uncontextualized Dialogue	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions





 **Week 6: Feb. 8–12**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Cultural Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Public Announcement	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Travel Brochure	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions





 **Week 7: Feb. 15–19**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Email Inbox	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Journalistic Article	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Conversation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 5.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal speaking. Skill 5.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal speaking.	 Topic Questions





 **Week 8: Feb. 22–26**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Text Chat	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 6.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.C: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in interpersonal writing.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Perspective Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 7.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational speaking. Skill 7.B: Use appropriate vocal and visual strategies to communicate an idea in presentational speaking. Skill 7.C: Use appropriate language and vocabulary for the intended audience in presentational speaking. Skill 7.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in presentational speaking.	 Topic Questions
Compare and Contrast Article	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 8.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational writing. Skill 8.B: Use appropriate writing strategies to communicate an idea in presentational writing. Skill 8.C: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in presentational writing. Skill 8.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in written presentations. Skill 8.E: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in presentational writing.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check




 **Week 9: Mar. 1–5 (Unit 5)**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Radio Cultural Documentary	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Instructions	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
School Debate	AP Daily Video 1	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions





 **Week 10: Mar. 8–12**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Radio News Broadcast	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Letter	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Short Story	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Conversation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 5.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal speaking. Skill 5.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal speaking.	 Topic Questions




 **Week 11: Mar. 15–19**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Text Chat	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 6.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.C: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in interpersonal writing.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Perspective Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 7.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational speaking. Skill 7.B: Use appropriate vocal and visual strategies to communicate an idea in presentational speaking. Skill 7.C: Use appropriate language and vocabulary for the intended audience in presentational speaking. Skill 7.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in presentational speaking.	 Topic Questions
Compare and Contrast Article	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 8.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational writing. Skill 8.B: Use appropriate writing strategies to communicate an idea in presentational writing. Skill 8.C: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in presentational writing. Skill 8.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in written presentations. Skill 8.E: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in presentational writing.	 Topic Questions




 **Week 12: Mar. 22–26**

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Pre-recorded message	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Radio Broadcast	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check





 **Week 13: Mar. 29–Apr. 2 (Unit 6)**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Uncontextualized Dialogue	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Public Announcement	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Travel Brochure	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions

 **Week 14: Apr. 5–9**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Email Inbox	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Step-by-step Instructions	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 1.A: Describe the literal meaning of the text. Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 3.A: Interpret the distinguishing features of a text. Skill 3.B: Interpret the meaning of a text. Skill 4.A: Determine the meaning of familiar and unfamiliar words.	 Topic Questions
Conversation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 5.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal speaking. Skill 5.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal speaking.	 Topic Questions

 **Week 15: Apr. 12–16**

Task Model	Recommended Asynchronous Student Assignments	Options for Synchronous Instructional Focus*	Check for Understanding
Text Chat	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 6.A: Understand and apply appropriate communication strategies in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.B: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in interpersonal writing. Skill 6.C: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in interpersonal writing.	 Topic Questions
Cultural Perspective Presentation	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2 AP Daily Video 3	Skill 2.A: Make connections among cultural and interdisciplinary information provided in texts. Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 7.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational speaking. Skill 7.B: Use appropriate vocal and visual strategies to communicate an idea in presentational speaking. Skill 7.C: Use appropriate language and vocabulary for the intended audience in presentational speaking. Skill 7.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in presentational speaking.	 Topic Questions
Compare and Contrast Article	AP Daily Video 1 AP Daily Video 2	Skill 4.B: Use words appropriate for a given context. Skill 8.A: Plan and research an issue or topic for presentational writing. Skill 8.B: Use appropriate writing strategies to communicate an idea in presentational writing. Skill 8.C: Understand and apply appropriate and varied syntactical expressions in presentational writing. Skill 8.D: Express a perspective with details and examples to illustrate an opinion or idea in written presentations. Skill 8.E: Understand and apply appropriate writing systems in presentational writing.	 Topic Questions  Personal Progress Check