

AP GERMAN LANGUAGE

Summer Assignment for the 2010 - 2011 academic year

„Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt“

- **Ludwig Wittgenstein**

Overview

In order to prepare for AP German it is imperative that you continue to listen, read, and speak throughout the summer. The goals of your summer assignments are:

- ✓ to help you maintain your current level of German
- ✓ to improve your vocabulary skills
- ✓ to build your vocabulary base
- ✓ to increase your knowledge of cultural and political topics
- ✓ to raise your awareness of current events and their effects on German-speaking countries and the European Union

Over the summer break you will be expected to complete weekly assignments. You will be working toward comprehension of authentic, native German and you will be expected to respond using original language. Grammar will not be the focus of AP German, so it is expected that you review grammar concepts on your own throughout the summer. Control of grammar will help you demonstrate command of the language. Ultimately, you will be expected to demonstrate control of all grammar presented throughout the German program at Unionville.

Weekly assignments: These weekly activities should take no more than one hour per week. You can choose to do them all at once, or space them out throughout the week. These assignments should not be left until the last days of your break.

- 1) Hörverständnis:** You will listen to a 4 weekly news broadcasts in German. You will complete a questionnaire about the topics covered in the newscast. There are several websites to choose from, which will be provided prior to summer break. Listening comprehension makes up approximately 20% of the AP test.
- 2) Leseverständnis:** You will be reading “Ilse ist weg” and completing the reading comprehension packet that accompanies the reader. It is recommended that you read 2 chapters per week throughout the summer, and not save it until the last few days before school resumes in August. Reading comprehension makes up approximately 25% of the AP test.
- 3) Nachrichten:** You will choose a current-event or cultural topic to follow in German newspapers or websites. You will collect four (4) articles about this topic and create a presentation. You will also create a personal word-journal of 15 words that pertain to your chosen topic. Presentations will be made during the first few days of school. Please have your topic approved prior to the beginning of summer break. Speaking is 25% of the AP test.
- 4) Tagebuch:** Each week you will write two journal entries, with a minimum of eight (8) sentences per entry. This journal should span eight weeks of your summer vacation and include a total of sixteen entries. You will be provided with the notebook prior to the beginning of summer break. Writing makes up approximately 30% of the AP test.