

LF 261 French Civilization, June 10-July 1

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This course includes an overview of some important periods and characters of French History, combined with an analysis of the political and sociological trends of today's France in a modern perspective of Europe.

Methodology:

Daily classes, visits (Grenoble, the old city, Musée des beaux Arts, Musée de la Résistance, Vizille, Musée de la Révolution Française) and field trips (Chartreuse, Vercors, Lyon, Annecy)

Reading:

Magazines and daily newspapers.
French News on the radio and on TV.

Grading Criteria:

<i>Two quizzes</i> : on the material covered in class	30%
<i>Oral Presentation</i> : in French, 5 minutes (minimum and maximum) about an aspect of French Civilization you particularly noticed, liked, or disliked. Props welcome.	20%
<i>Final exam</i> : Comprehensive, the last day of class.	30%
<i>Attendance, participation and effort</i>	20%

Chronology

<i>jeudi 10 juin</i>	Introduction to the course. Presentation of France, Geography, trends and myths(Asterix, Marianne, the French symbol of the rooster)
<i>vendredi 11 juin</i>	<u>History</u> : Gaul, the Roman Empire, Gallo-roman civilization, the Barbarians, Charlemagne. European elections, main political parties in France.
<i>dimanche 13 juin</i>	Trip to Chartreuse, visit of the Monastery museum.
<i>lundi 14 juin</i>	French daily press; european elections The Middle Ages in Europe, importance of religion, monasteries and

cathedrals

- mardi 15 juin* *Reading: "What makes the French so French?"*
A song by Francis Cabrel
- mercredi 16 juin* French/American stereotypes
- jeudi 17 juin* ★ Trip to Lyon, visit of the Old Lyon and the roman amphitheater.
- vendredi 18 juin* **Quiz 1: all we covered so far.**
- dimanche 20 juin* Trip to Annecy
- lundi 21 juin* ★ History: WW2, resistance in the Grenoble area
Visit: Musée de la Résistance, about WW2 in the area.
- mardi 22 juin* History: WW2 and resistance in the area
La famille en France
- mercredi 23 juin* Trip to Vercors, visit of a village destroyed during WW2
- jeudi 24 juin* ★ Causes of the French Revolution, "absolute monarchy, Louis XIV" "les Lumières"
Presentation on the Musée des Beaux-Art visit : French Art
Guided tour of the 20 th century collection .
- vendredi 25 juin* The French Revolution, events, laws, changes in everyday life
Proust's questionnaire.
- lundi 28 juin* Visit of the Musée de la Révolution Française in Vizille:
- mardi 29 juin* **Quiz 2: la Résistance, la Révolution.**
★ **Individual oral presentations:** about 5 minutes on a topic of your choice; no reading!
- mercredi 30 juin* Surprise Field trip
- jeudi 1er juillet* ★ **Final Exam: 1h30** comprehensive.

The French revolution: Causes and events
 exhibition on Marianne through the
 ages.

mardi 1er juillet The French Revolution, continued: the changes it brought in every day
 life.
 French national culture, American influence and Europe; debate.
 Proust's questionnaire, answers.

mercredi 2 **Quiz 2: la Résistance, la Révolution.**
 Matisse, his work. Visit of the exhibition about Matisse at the Museum
 of Fine Arts of Grenoble.

jeudi 3 Field trip to Tain l'Hermitage, visit of a Cotes du Rhone winery. Wine
 tasting. kVisit of the Ideal Palace of a mailman, le facteur
 Cheval.

vendredi 4 **Individual oral presentations:** about 5 minutes on a topic of
 your choice; no reading!
Final Exam: 1h30 comprehensive.

