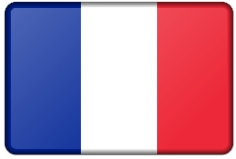




A-level French *at Wallingford School*

Exam board	<i>Edexcel</i> https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/french-2016.html
Exams	<i>Paper 1 (40%) Listening, Reading and Translation</i> <i>Paper 2 (30%) Translation and Essays</i> <i>Paper 3 (30%) Speaking (including an Individual Research Project)</i>
Topics	<i>Year 12 – Family, Education, World of Work, Music, Media, Festivals</i> <i>Film – La Haine</i> <i>Year 13 – Immigration, Integration, The Far Right, Occupation (1940-1945), The Vichy Regime, The French Resistance</i> <i>Novel – No et Moi</i>

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Transition Work



When studying A-level French you will need to develop a sound understanding of French and Francophone culture.

1. Les évènements clés

Faites des recherches sur les évènements qui ont eu lieu à ces dates. Quelle est leur importance pour l'histoire et la société française ? (*Research the events which took place on these dates. What is their importance in history and for French society ?*)

Date	Informations
1789	
le 18 juin 1815	
le 11 novembre 1918	

le 25 août 1944	
le 25 mars 1957	
mai 1968	
octobre à novembre 2005	
le 7 janvier 2015	
le 13 novembre 2015	

2. Les personnages importants

Pourquoi ces personnes sont-elles connues ? (*Why are these people famous ?*)



Charles de Gaulle



Napoléon Bonaparte



Marie Curie



Coco Chanel



Louis Pasteur



Jeanne d'Arc



Zinedine Zidane

3. La politique française

1. Qui est le président de la France ?

2. Il a été élu quand et il représente quel parti politique ?

Faites des recherches sur les partis principaux. Ils sont de gauche ou de droite ? Quelles sont leurs politiques ? (*Research these political parties. Are they on the left or right ? What are their policies ?*)

Renaissance (was La République en Marche)	
Les Républicains	
Le Parti Socialiste	
Rassemblement National	
La France Insoumise	

4. Le cinéma / la télé



Watch a French film / TV series on Netflix / Amazon Prime / Walter Presents (Channel 4's foreign language service) and write a review of it in French. Some suggestions include the following, but there are many others!

Les Intouchables

Un Secret

Entre les Murs

Les Choristes

Au revoir les enfants

Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis

Amélie

L'Agence

Un chat à Paris

Persepolis

Résistance

Dix Pour Cent

5. Les infos



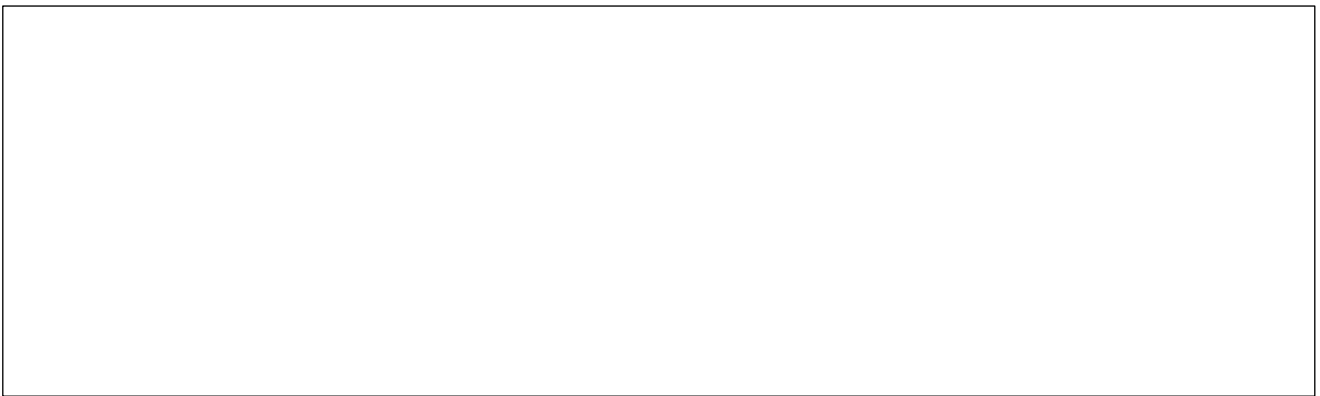
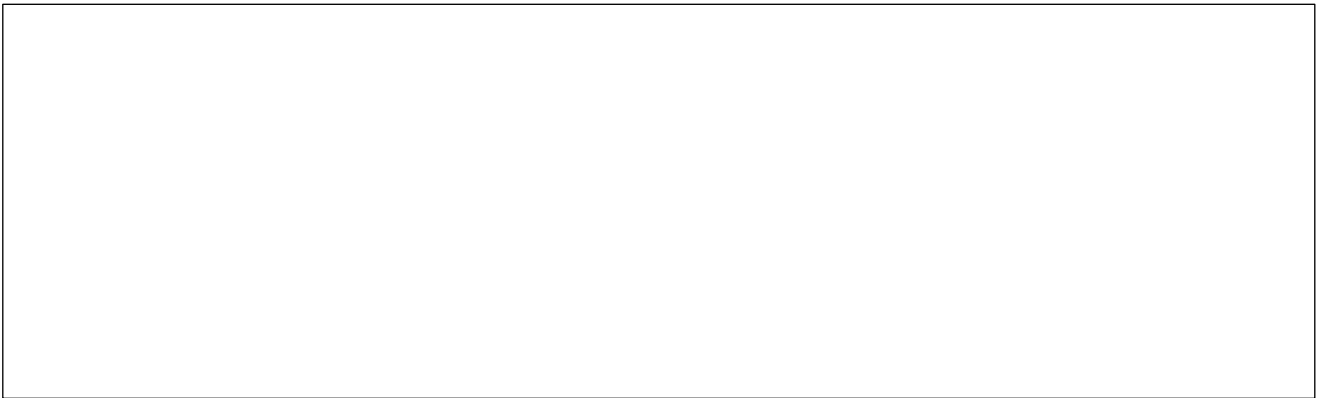
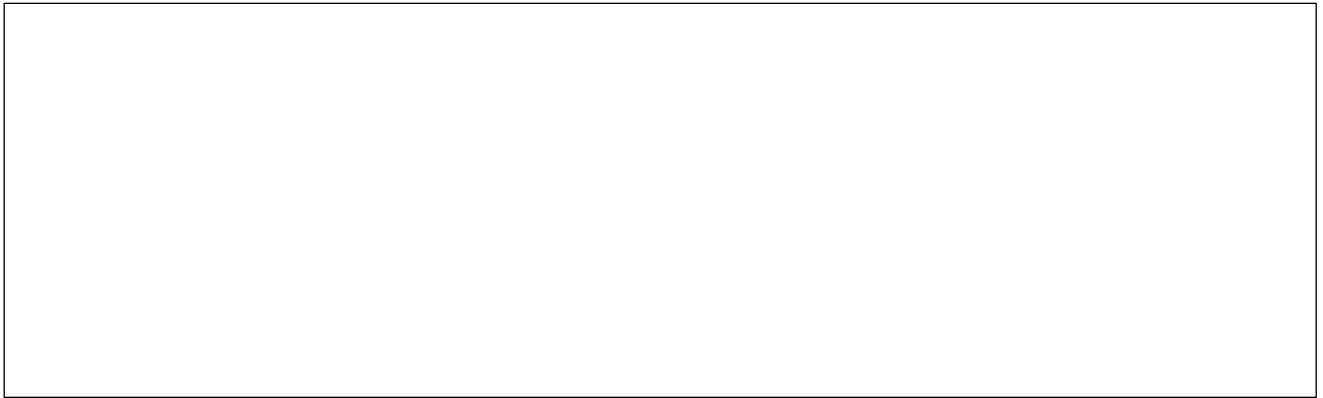
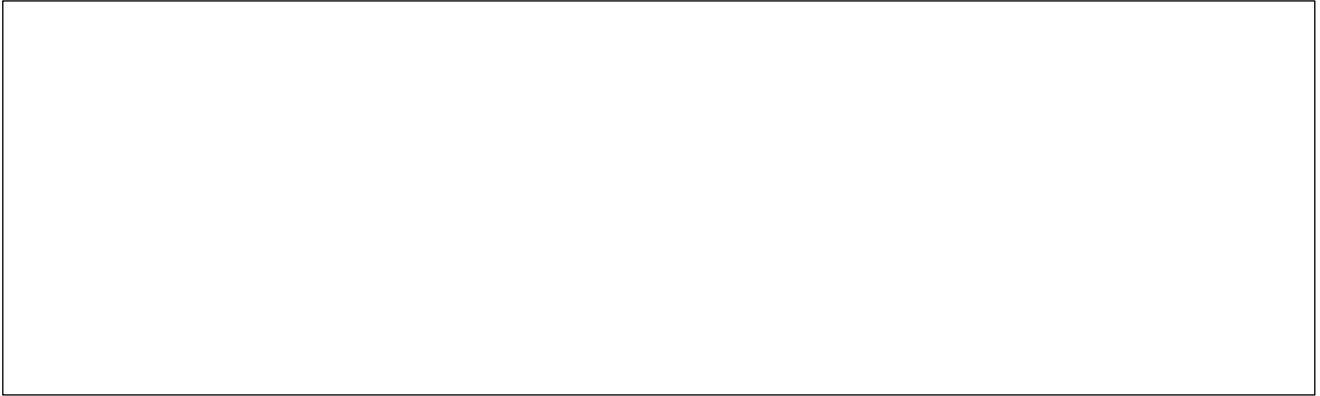
Watch 3 of *Les Infos Animées* videos on www.1jour1actu.com and write down in English what you understood of each one.

6. A Level Topics

Get ready for the first 2 topics (**Music** and **Family**) we will be studying for A-level French by completing the following activities.

Music

- 1 Read this blog and listen to the some of the songs musicians: [25 French Songs for Learners \[Updated for 2025\] | FluentU](#) and then write a paragraph in French giving your opinion about 5 songs/musicians.



2. Research one of the following famous French musicians. Make a **poster in French** including this information: details of their life, musical genres, famous songs/concerts, who influenced them, why they are considered important: Edith Piaf, Jean-Michel Jarre, Stromae, Jacques Brel, Charles Aznavour, MC Solaar (or someone else!)

Family

Watch 2 of the following films which are about families and write a **comparison in French** of the different families presented in the films:

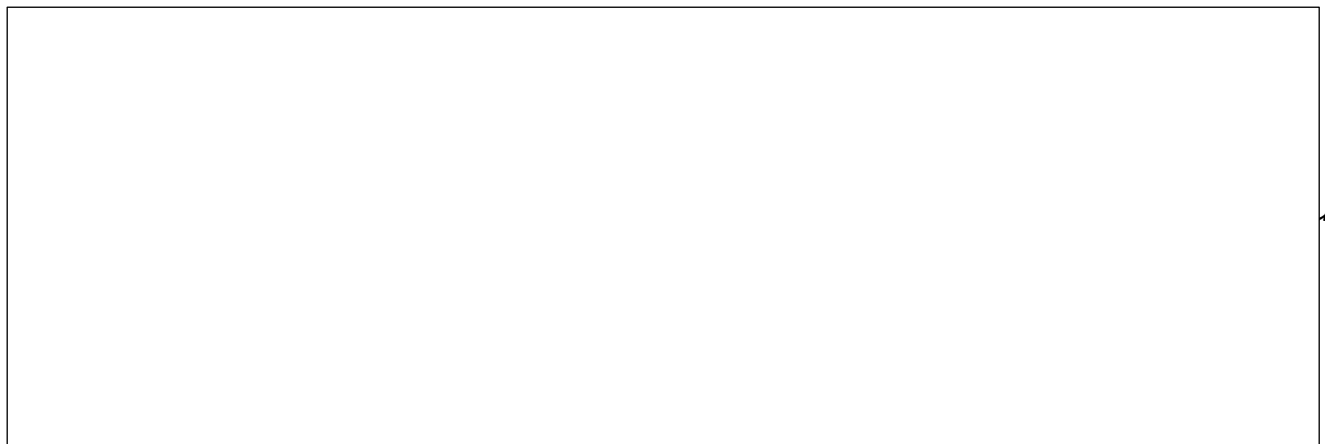
Il a déjà tes yeux

La Famille Bélier

Les 400 Coups

Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain

Un Secret



Grammar

Complete the activities in the GCSE/A-level grammar transition booklet (separate document).

Suggested purchases for September

- A lever-arch ring binder
- Subject dividers
- Plastic wallets
- A big French dictionary
- A nice notebook for vocabulary