SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE HONORS CONTRACT

Italian 101 Honors: “Italian for Leadership and Global Competency”
Professor: Lodovica Guidarelli

Honors Syllabus

Group I.
Do 4 (four) of the following 6 activities: (one activity must be about a Italian artist or artwork)
1. Conduct and file a report on an interview with a local Italian artist or prominent member of the Italian community.
2. Attend and write a formal response to an Italian cultural event.
3. Study the works of a prominent Italian American artist and make an oral presentation to the class.
4. Study the poetry of a prominent Italian poet (in translation) and make an oral or written presentation. OR Do a critical analysis of a selected poem.
5. See a feature length film in Italian (sub-titles are OK) and write a critical analysis (in English). Make a list of words and phrases that you learned by watching the film.
6. Study and make an oral report on an ethnic group from Italy or a country where Italian is spoken.

Group II.
Do one of the following activities:
1. Create and illustrate a children’s book for children 2-3 years of age in Italian, not to exceed 125 words.
2. Write a poem or song in Italian and present it to the class.

Group III.
Do one of the following activities:
1. Design and present to the class, an exercise that teaches a point of grammar in Italian that will be covered in the book this semester.
2. Make and present a game to the class that illustrates a point or points of Italian that will be covered during this semester.

Group IV.
Do one of the following activities:
1. Organize and lead a group of students in creating an oral presentation to the class.
2. Make a video in Italian with a group of students.

All honors students must meet with the professor at least 6 times during the semester

Grading will be based on the following formula:

1. Chapter exams 40%
2. Homework and labs 10%
3. Daily class participation & preparation 10%
4. Comprehensive final examination 15%
5. Group I activities 10%
6. Group II activity 5%
7. Group III activity 5%
8. Group IV activity 5%
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