**Why should I take French?**

For Now:

* Learning another language, especially a romantic language, will help you on your SATs
* Over 1/3 of English words are derived from French words.
* France is 1170 years old and it has influenced a lot of history, which you will be required to learn in your history classes.
* French is the second most frequently used language on the internet.
* To impress your friends with a beautiful language!

For the Future:

* There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countries that speak French
* There are over 2,400 companies that do business with France in the United States (not including government entities).
	+ Including IBM, Microsoft, Mattel, Dow Chemical, Sara Lee, Ford, Coca-Cola, AT&T, Motorola, Johnson & Johnson, Ford, and Hewlett Packard.
* In 2003, the United States was France's leading investor, accounting for 25% of the new jobs created in France from foreign investment.
* French is an official working language in dozens of international organizations, including the United Nations, International Olympic Committee, and International Red Cross.
* Speaking multiple languages makes you more desirable as an employee, which may translate into higher pay.
* French is the only language, along with English, that is taught in every country in the world.
* French is the official language of 33 countries and is spoken in over 64.
* If you ever visit France, you will be treated better (and maybe even receive cheaper rates) if you understand/ speak French and honor their customs & culture.

