

Dear Future Student of Spanish 334,

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The New Trier Modern and Classical Languages Department endorses summer reading as an enriching experience that will prepare students for the rigor of an advanced high school Spanish course.

All incoming freshman students enrolled in Spanish 3 Level 4 will read the required summer reading text in preparation for discussion and activities during the first days of school. The guidelines for the text outline the expected reading activities for each chapter. We suggest that you read the book thoroughly and review the text before school begins in August. This assignment will strengthen your understanding of the past tense through authentic language exposure and deepen your appreciation for Spanish-speaking cultures. The text offers valuable cultural insights that will enrich class discussions and foster a global mindset—an essential part of our learning.

Your text may be purchased online from www.amazon.com. The text's ISBN number is provided as a convenience, but any edition, new or used, is acceptable. We wish you a wonderful summer, and look forward to meeting you in August.

Sincerely,



Robert Cummings / Modern and Classical Languages Department Coordinator

Spanish 3, Level 4 (570334)

Hill, J., Price, R., Rubin, M. *Sueños de la isla (Past Tense Version)*.

JMR Press, 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0-9887638-1-14

With the kids in their neighborhood, the Gómez brothers spend their days playing baseball in the streets of their town in the Dominican Republic. Omar and Marcos dream about playing in the major leagues in the United States. The two brothers are so talented, that a scout discovers them and invites them to play in his baseball camp in another part of the island. There they meet interesting people and learn about more than just baseball. Will they make it to the United States?

Con los muchachos de su barrio, los hermanos Gómez pasan sus días jugando al béisbol en las calles de su pueblo en la República Dominicana. Omar y Marcos sueñan con jugar en las grandes ligas de los Estados Unidos. Los dos hermanos son tan talentosos que un buscón los descubre y los invita a jugar en su campamento de béisbol en otra parte de la isla. Allí conocen a gente interesante y aprenden más que sólo el béisbol. ¿Llegarán a los Estados Unidos?

As you read each chapter:

- 1) Annotate (write marginal notes in your book) to keep track of new **characters** and important **plot events**.
- 2) Pay attention to how preterit and imperfect verb structures are used together to narrate the story in the **past tense**.
- 3) Access the following Quizlet site to complete the online activities. You will receive immediate feedback based on your responses: <https://quizlet.com/Summer334/folders>