Here are some of the ideas we talked about in our meeting on Friday.

Couple of general thoughts:

* The use of Breakout Rooms in Zoom for discussion would be good. If we divided up into smaller groups of 3 or 4 people, that would give everyone more opportunities to participate
* It would be great if different people could organize different activities. Think it would be good for our group to hear from more varied sources than just me and my ideas.

Potential projects:

1. Select a French show or movie for us to watch (on our own schedule) then in our next meeting we could review and discuss it. It would be useful to have a poll of our SIG members to see who has access to Prime/Netflix or other streaming services. Shows suggested in our discussion were: Lupin, Call My Agent & Emily in Paris.
2. Poetry reading. Everyone selects a poem by specified author and reads aloud. Or everyone reads the same poem and discusses that. Many variations on this theme.
3. Visit to The Clark to look at new exhibit of French print making (cliches-verre). Might want to wait until visiting museums is a little less fraught for this one.
4. Quizzes about French history/culture etc.
5. A virtual auction of French/France related items e.g. a tour of Paris Museums, a Picasso vase, a tour of Beaujolais vineyards etc. In order to bid on an item, you would have to explain why they want to purchase the item.
6. Wine tasting in French. Have tentatively booked this with Xavier at Nejaimes for Thursday, 18th March at 5.30pm. Cost will be about $50 and includes 2 bottles of French wine, an hour of Xavier’s time and Nejaimes’ expertise in organizing Zoom wine tastings. Will send out a separate e-mail about this.