

Syllabus for Advanced Placement European History
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Course Description

AP European History is a challenging course that is designed to be the equivalent of a introductory college course in a high school setting. Therefore it is open to well qualified juniors and seniors who have exhibited the necessary level of study skills to be successful in such a class. The course is survey of European history from the 1300's to the present. The class will study cultural, political, economic, military, and social history using the text and supplemental readings and presentations. Solid reading and writing skills are absolutely necessary. Much of the class will be seminar format, therefore discussion participation will be required and part of the class grade. Students should be prepared to do the additional hours of reading and studying in order to be successful. Students who do the required work and participate in class will be prepared to take the Advanced Placement Exam in European History in May of the academic year.

Students will be expected to do the following:

- Master a broad body of knowledge about European History from 1450 to the present
- Demonstrate an understanding of historical chronology
- Use historical data and examples to support an argument or position
- Interpret and apply information from various historical documents, cartoons, primary sources, graphs, and maps
- Effectively use analytical skills of evaluation, cause and effect, compare and contrast
- Work successfully in study groups to produce assignments, projects, presentations and reports

Textbook: Kagan, Donald. *The Western Heritage 1300 to the present*. 8th edition Prentiss-Hall, Inc. 2004 (Students will be provided a copy of the text to use by the school. However, it is suggested that students purchase their own copies through Amazon or another source so that they can highlight and make notes within their own book.)

Other class readings and exercises will include lessons from:

Document-Based Activities series: 19th Century nationalism: using Primary Sources and the Internet. Elizabeth Ten-Dyke, writer. Social Studies School Services. New Your, NY. 2004

Dr. Seuss Goes to War: The WWII Editorial Cartoons of Theodor Seuss Geisel. Richard H. Minear, Editor. The New Press, New York, NY. 1999

Other primary source readings will be examined from the documents that accompany the Kagan text. Students will use a primary source reading guide to evaluate and analyze each reading.

Grading: Tests will include multiple-choice and identify questions. In addition, each chapter will have primary source evaluations OR a topical essay from the chapter. Each assignment will be given a point value. Quarter grades will be determined by dividing the points earned by the number of possible points. Class participation is worth 10% of the student's grade.

Course Outline

Introduction and the Renaissance

August	Historical overview of the Middle Ages	Ch. 9
September	Renaissance	Ch. 10 pp. 316-333
	Exploration	pp. 334-350
September	Study Guide Due	
	First Exam	

Reformation and the Age of Religious Wars

September	Reformation	Ch. 11 pp. 352-367
	European Spread of the Reformation	pp. 367-384
	Religious Wars	Ch 12 pp. 388-415
September	Study Guide Due	
	Second Exam	

Absolutism and Constitutionalism

October	Constitutional Crisis in England	Ch. 13 pp. 416-429
	Absolutism in France	pp. 430-446
October	Study Guide	
	Third Exam	

Scientific Revolution, Enlightenment, and 18th Century in the East

October	Scientific Revolution	Ch. 14 pp. 448-477
November	Successful and Unsuccessful Paths to Power (Maritime Powers, Ottomans and Rise of Russia)	Ch. 15 pp. 480-509
November	Society and Economy Under the Old Regime	Ch. 16 pp. 512-548
November	Study Guide	
	Fourth Exam	

Europe and the French Revolution

December	The French Revolution	Ch. 19 pp. 624-638
	Napoleonic Europe	Ch. 20 pp. 666-684
	Romanticism	pp. 687-701
December	Study Guide	
	Fifth Exam	

Christmas Break

The Industrial Revolution

January	Economic Advances and Social Unrest	Ch. 22 pp. 742-775
	Study Guide	
	Sixth Exam	

Mid Term Exam Review

VII. Nationalism and Imperialism

February	The Age of Nation States	Ch. 23 pp. 780-811
	Birth of Modern European Thought	Ch. 25 pp. 852-881
	Imperialism	Ch. 26 pp. 884-896
February	Study Guide	
	Seventh Exam	

VIII. World War I and the Inter War Years

March	World War One	Ch. 26 pp. 898-916
	The Russian Revolution	Ch. 27 pp. 932-941
	The Rise of Dictators	pp. 941-948
	Weimar Republic	pp. 954-961
March	Study Guide	
	Eighth Exam	

IX. Totalitarianism, World War Two

March	The Great Depression	Ch. 28 pp. 964-993
	World War Two	Ch. 29 pp. 996-1034
April	Study Guide	
	Ninth Exam	

X. The Cold War

April	The Cold War Conflicts and Alliances	Ch. 30 pp. 1036-1081
May	The West at the Dawn of the 21 st Century	Ch. 31 pp. 1084-1111
May	Study Guide	
	Tenth Exam	

XI Review for AP Exam

May	Seminar Topics	
	Study and Reviews	