Welcome to AP European History! In order to prepare for an exciting and rigorous course of study in European History it is imperative that you begin preparation during the summer break. This summer assignment will introduce you to the historical context and historiography of the Late Medieval Period where our study of European History begins, as well as the skills necessary to be successful in this course. Students must complete all parts of the Summer Assignment outlined below. Students who are unable to complete the assignment might need to reconsider whether AP Euro is the right fit for their schedule.

Students must stop by the MA Library to pick up a textbook and a packet in order to complete the Summer Assignment. Do not wait until the last minute to pick up your text!!! Everything is due the first day of school in August. Be prepared for a test on material the first week.


The History of Western Society (Textbook)

1. Read and Take Notes on Chapters 12 and 13 of the Textbook
   - Chapter 12, “The Crisis of the Later Middle Ages” p379-411
   - Chapter 13, “European Society in the Age of the Renaissance” p413-451
   - A Key Terms list can be found in the “AP Euro Summer Packet”. These Key Terms should be incorporated in your notes as they are addressed in the text.
   - Student notes should be unique (your own original work) and structured using a recognizable format such Cornell or Outline format. (see packet for guidelines on note-taking)
   - There will be a multiple choice exam on the content during the first week of school.

2. Complete DBQ #1, p. A3-4, based on Chapters 12 and 13.
   - Familiarize yourself with the process recommended by the College Entrance Examination Board on page A-2 of your textbook.
   - Essay should be typed, no longer than 3 pages, in MLA format.
   - A hard copy is due on the first day of class. Students will be given a code to submit the essay to Turnitin.com.

AP European History Summer Assignment Packet

3. Required Readings on the Significance of the Middle Ages
   - Read all three texts. Each chapter is from a different book by popular historians and relates to the Middle Ages.
     - William Manchester, A World Lit Only By Fire. p3-28
     - William Pelz, A People’s History of Modern Europe. p1-17
   - Guiding Questions can be found in the packet. Students should keep these questions in mind as they read and be prepared to discuss in class during the first couple weeks.

4. Maps of Europe
   - Be able to label a political map of Europe (nations and capitals)
   - Be able to locate and label physical features (islands, bodies of water, major mountain ranges, peninsulas)
   - See your packet for a list of locations you need to know.
   - Knowledge will be assessed during the first week of school.

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