

Course Title- AP European History
Credit/Hours: 1 Credit

Board Approval Date: June 2011

Course Description:

The study of European History since 1450, introduces student to cultural, economic, political and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, students would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse.

In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of the AP program in European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European History, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Large group instruction
Teacher observation
Primary source analyses
Small group work
Identification cards
Tests and Quizzes
Free response essays
Document based question essays
Projects with Rubrics

Instructional Resources:

Kagan, Donald, Steven Ozment, Frank M. Turner. *The Western Heritage, Since 1300*, Boston: Prentice Hall, AP/10th Ed., 2010.

Course Pacing Guide

Course: AP European History
Course Unit (Topic)

Length of Instruction (Days/Periods)

1. Preview: Late-Medieval Europe	2 Days
2. Renaissance & Discovery	4 Days
3. Reformation	4 Days
4. Wars of Religion	4 Days
5. Age of Absolutism & Baroque	5 Days
6. Scientific Revolution	2 Days
7. Social Structure, Economy & Trade in the Ancien Régime	2 Days
8. The Age of Enlightenment	4 Days
9. The French Revolution	4 Days
10. The Age of Napoleon & Romanticism	4 Days
11. The Age of Isms & Revolts	3 Days
12. The Industrial Revolution & Social Unrest	4 Days
13. The Age of Nation-States	3 Days
14. Society & Politics: Late 19 th C.-WWI	4 Days
15. Western Imperialism	4 Days
16. WWI & the Russian Revolution	4 Days
17. Interwar Europe	2 Days

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18. WWII & the Holocaust	4 Days
19. The Cold War Era	4 Days
20. Modern Europe	2 Days

There are also 5 days of instruction & practice in how to analyze sources and write FRQs & DBQs. Additionally, there are another 5 days that will be used for AP test review and preparation.