

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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The purpose of the summer assignment is to prepare you for the level of reading you'll encounter in your textbook, to encourage you to think about reading comprehension techniques and to lay a foundation for your knowledge of the geography of Europe – all necessary elements for your success next year. AP Euro, both the class and the actual exam, focus on your ability to think like a historian and develop those critical thinking skills and ability to analyze challenging material. This includes your ability to read challenging material, analyze it and both speak and write about it critically. It also includes competency in reading maps, charts, graphs and original source documents. This initial assignment will jump start that process.

You will be reading the first three chapters of your textbook The Western Heritage: “Introduction: The West Before 1300” & Chapters 1 & 2. Your assignment is to:

1. Read the chapters & take notes on the reading

- a. Simply read the Introduction: The West Before 1300 and be ready to discuss
- b. For Chapters 1 & 2, as you read, take notes answering the Focus Questions for each subsection in bullet points.
 - i. Either take notes in a Google Doc or handwritten, BUT either way they will be turned in by hard copy not electronically
 1. You must follow the structure of the textbook with the numbering system and headers and subheaders in your notes - (1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2, etc) and include the Focus Questions
 - ii. Do NOT write sentences or paragraphs - notes are bullet points and synthesize the reading - it is NOT rewriting the reading!
 - iii. Be prepared to be quizzed on the reading the week we return to school.
- c. **DUE SECOND DAY OF CLASSES - This will be turned in by hard copy/printed format NOT electronically.**

2. Framework Study Guide for Unit 1 (Ch 1 & 2)

- a. For each underlined person/term - ID it and explain its relevance in bullet points
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VxIyHXyI3tsaQSxD_Eg7Dsz2239o8_AmC_KuA8drgoGQ/edit?usp=sharing
- b. **DUE first MONDAY of school - it will be turned in via Google Classroom**

Part II: European Geography

An understanding of the geography of Europe is vital to success in this class and a full understanding of European history. Our studies will begin in 1450 and we will use our maps of contemporary Europe to help us comprehend the role geography plays in history and how the political map of Europe has evolved over the centuries. Your assignment is to:

1. Review the two maps – Europe 1450 and Europe today to familiarize yourself
2. You need to know the following:
 - a. Nations/kingdoms in 1450 as labeled on the map.
 - i. Be able to compare/contrast that map with a map of contemporary Europe.
 - b. Rivers, bodies of water and physical features to familiarize yourself with are listed below.

Major bodies of water:

Aegean Sea	Black Sea	Straits of Gibraltar
Adriatic Sea	Bosporus Straits	Mediterranean Sea
Atlantic Ocean	Dardanelles Straits	Straits of Messina
Baltic Sea	English Channel	North Sea

Major rivers:

Danube	Po
Dnieper	Rhine
Don	Rhone
Elbe	Seine
Loire	Thames
Oder	Volga

Major islands:

Corsica	Iceland
Crete	Ireland
Cyprus	Sardinia
Great Britain	Sicily

Major mountain ranges:

Alps	Caucasus	Urals
Apennines	Balkans	
Carpathians	Pyrenees	

Peninsulas:

Asia Minor	Iberian
Balkan	Italian
Brittany	Normandy
Crimean	Scandinavia