

# AP European History Course and Summer Reading

AP European History is a college level history course designed to enable students to take the European History Exam offered by the College Board Corp. in the spring of each year. The course and exam are rigorous. AP courses require the students to read and analyze historical sources, to form and defend historical arguments, and to retain a large body of knowledge. Successful students may be able to gain college credit for passing scores on the AP exam.

## Course Organization

AP European History has a complex organization scheme based on Periods, Units, and Themes. All three are used for course instruction and grading in this course, but each **unit** will be tested. Periods align approximately with our school quarterly grading system, but Unit 8 falls within the 3rd quarter, and Unit 9 is tested rather early in the 4th quarter to allow enough days for review.

Unlike AP US History or AP World History, each unit's exam weight and instructional allotment is exactly the same (10 - 15% is recommended for every unit). This means that the course moves quite rapidly. The first unit (the zero unit) is given only nine lesson-days. The Zero Unit is important for background, but it is not technically part of the exam. Units 1 through 9 receive thirteen lesson-days each. If we finish on time, there will be twelve lesson-days reserved for review. Students need to be reading every day to keep up (see the Reading Schedule).

Periods:	Testing Units	Exam %
1. 1450 - 1648	0. Ancient and Medieval Heritage	NA
	1. Renaissance and Exploration 2. Age of Reformation	10% - 15% 10% - 15%
2. 1648 - 1815	3. Absolutism and Constitutionalism	10% - 15%
	4. Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments	10% - 15%
	5. Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century	10% - 15%
3. 1815 - 1914	6. Industrialization and Its Effects	10% - 15%
	7. 19th Century Perspectives and Political Developments	10% - 15%
4. 1914 - Present	8. 20th Century Global Conflicts	10% - 15%
	9. Cold War and Contemporary Europe	10% - 15%
<b>AP Exam</b>	<b>FRIDAY May 6th, 2022</b> (date not yet firmly established by AP)	<b>100%</b>

## Summer Reading

Reading over the summer is very important for student success. Most students lack comprehensive background knowledge of European history, though they may have considerable knowledge of certain periods and events. Students are required to read **TWO** books over the summer.

1. *A Short History of Europe - from Pericles to Putin* by Simon Jenkins
2. **Any** biography or period history from **Periods 1 or 2** (1450 - 1815). *That would include everyone from Christopher Columbus and the explorers up through the French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte. THESE BOOKS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE INSTRUCTOR VIA GOOGLE CLASSROOM CORRESPONDENCE.*
3. The Jenkins book will be helpful all year long, but will be particularly helpful on the first test (the "Zero Unit")

4. The 2nd book (student selected) will be the subject of a written book report (due by the end of the first week of school).

**Dates:** *All dates are subject to change according to school calendar, events, and class progress.*

**Prospective Testing Units (see above for official titles)**

0. "Zero Unit" - Ancient/Medieval	Fri., August 20th
1. Renaissance and Exploration	Fri., September 10th
2. Age of Reformation	Thurs., September 30th
3. Absolutism / Constitutionalism	Weds., October 20th
4. Scientific / Philosophical / Pol. Dev.	Tues., November 9th
5. Conflict / Crisis / Reaction	Mon., December 6th
6. Industrialization Impacts	Mon., January 24th
7. 19th Century Perspectives / Politics	Fri., February 11th
8. 20th Century Conflict	Fri., March 25th
9. Cold War and Today	Thurs., April 14th

**AP Exam** - College Board has not yet released an Exam Schedule for 2022, but they have stated that they intend to administer the exams in the first two weeks of May. This past year (2021), the AP European History Exam was administered on Friday, May 7th (first week), and I anticipate that AP will again use the Friday of the first week of exams. For 2022, that would be **Friday, May 6th**.

**Questions / Contact the Teacher**

1. Google Classroom - All prospective students on my roster will receive the invitation to the class.
2. Text Mr. Wheeler: (561) 494-5781 - Please include your NAME in your initial text!