



AP European: Reading List

1. **A Short History of Europe by Simon Jenkins (2019)**. I think you will find it an easy read. My hardcover is 305 pages including the epilogue, but don't be intimidated by the length. Your textbook will probably be a much more challenging read, and Jenkins' work will be a good reference to refer to when you are preparing for a test.

2. **Choose a biography or a topic of interest in European history and read it.**

There will be a book report assignment due during the first quarter. ***Restrict yourself to characters and topics from the first two periods of European history:***

1450 - 1648: Renaissance, Reformation, Catholic Counter Reformation, Catholic Missions in the Americas and in Asia, Religious Wars (War of the Schmalkaldic League, Huguenot Wars in France, Thirty Years' War), Exploration and Colonization of the New World, Emergence of National Monarchies, Scientific Revolution, Turkish Intrusion into Europe, Commercial Revolution, European Commercial Penetration into India and East Asia, etc.

1648 - 1815: Absolutist Monarchies, Enlightenment, Balance of Power Warfare (War of the League of Augsburg, War of the Spanish Succession, War of the Austrian Succession, Seven Years' War, Great Northern War), Atlantic Economy and the Slave Trade, Agricultural Revolution, Early Industrial Revolution in England, Constitutionalism, Republicanism, French Revolution, Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars, Congress of Vienna.