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**WELCOME TO AP
EUROPEAN
HISTORY!**



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"Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Success"

This rigorous college-level course will challenge your child to think critically, write analytically, and develop the skills needed for academic excellence.

WHAT IS AP EUROPEAN HISTORY?

College-Level Course

AP European History is equivalent to a **two-semester introductory college** European history course covering approximately **1450 to the present**.

Why Take This Course?

Earn College Credit - Performance on the AP Exam can earn college credit

Develop Critical Skills - Analytical thinking, research, and writing

College Preparation - Experience college-level expectations and rigor

Competitive Advantage - Strengthen college applications

Course Focus

Your child will investigate significant events, individuals, and developments while learning to **think like a historian** through:

Analyzing primary and secondary sources

Developing historical arguments

Making historical comparisons

Understanding causation and change over time



WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL STUDY

Four Historical Periods:

Period 1: c. 1450 to c. 1648 - Renaissance, Reformation, Religious Wars

Period 2: c. 1648 to c. 1815 - Absolutism, Enlightenment, French Revolution

Period 3: c. 1815 to c. 1914 - Nationalism, Industrialization, Imperialism

Period 4: c. 1914 to Present - World Wars, Cold War, Modern Europe

Six Major Themes:

Interaction of Europe and the World - Exploration, colonization, globalization

Poverty and Prosperity - Economic systems and social classes

Objective Knowledge and Subjective Visions - Science, art, and culture

States and Other Institutions of Power - Government, politics, and authority

Individual and Society - Social structures and personal freedoms

National and European Identity - Nationalism and unity

HOW THE CLASS WORKS

Seminar-Style Learning

This course is taught as a **college seminar**, which means:

Student-Centered Discussions - Your child's voice matters

Active Participation Required - Every student contributes to learning

Collaborative Learning Community - Students learn from each other

Higher-Level Thinking - Focus on analysis, not just memorization

What This Means for Students:

Come Prepared - Complete readings and homework before class

Engage Actively - Participate in discussions and activities

Think Critically - Move beyond facts to analysis and interpretation

Take Ownership - Responsible for their own learning journey

Raider Goals Development

Through this course, students become better:

Thinkers - Analytical and critical reasoning

Contributors - Active classroom participation

Communicators - Clear writing and speaking skills

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL BE ASSESSED

Four Types of AP-Style Assessments

1. Multiple-Choice Questions

Test knowledge and analytical skills

Similar to AP Exam format

2. Short-Answer Questions

Practice analyzing sources and making connections

Develop concise writing skills

3. Long Essay Questions (LEQs)

Demonstrate historical argumentation

Practice thesis development and evidence use

4. Document-Based Questions (DBQs)

Analyze primary sources to construct arguments

The signature AP History assessment

Grading Policy

Point-Based System - All assignments have point values

Cumulative Points - All points count toward final grade

Late Work - Accepted with point deductions

Make-up Policy - Students responsible for missed work

Grading Scale

A: 90%+

B: 80-89.99%

C: 60-79.99%

F: Less than 60%



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STANDARDS

STRICT AI POLICY

The use of Artificial Intelligence tools is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

Banned AI Tools Include:

ChatGPT

Bard

Any AI-powered writing or research assistance

Consequences for AI Use:

Automatic F on the assignment

Detention issued

Academic integrity violation on record

Why This Policy Exists:

Authentic Learning - Develop your own critical thinking skills

AP Exam Success - Build skills needed for the actual exam

College Preparation - Learn to research and write independently

Personal Growth - Develop intellectual confidence and ability

What IS Allowed:

Your own research and analysis

Classroom discussions and collaboration

Teacher guidance and feedback

Traditional research sources and databases

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Required Supplies

Spiral notebook (150 pages minimum)

Three-ring binder with 5-tab dividers and notebook paper

Writing materials: #2 pencils, blue or black ink pens

Colored pens (optional, for annotations and note-taking)

Textbook

AMSCO Advanced Placement European History

Provided by the school

Industry standard for AP Euro preparation

Technology Needs

Access to online platforms for assignments

Reliable internet for research

Word processing capabilities for essays

Optional but Helpful

Highlighters for reading annotations

Index cards for vocabulary and key concepts

Calendar or planner for managing deadlines



ATTENDANCE & SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is ESSENTIAL for success

Students must be **in seats when bell rings**

Poor attendance hinders classroom community participation

School attendance policies will be strictly enforced

Make-Up Work Policy

Student responsibility to inquire about missed assignments

Timely completion expected upon return from absence

Assessments should be made up during lunch or after school

Plan ahead - Check online for assignment updates

Getting Extra Help

After-school availability - Schedule appointments as needed

Individualized support - One-on-one assistance available

Open communication - Don't wait until problems become serious

Proactive approach - Seek help early if struggling

Success Strategies

Stay organized with assignments and deadlines

Participate actively in class discussions

Complete all readings before class

Ask questions when concepts are unclear

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