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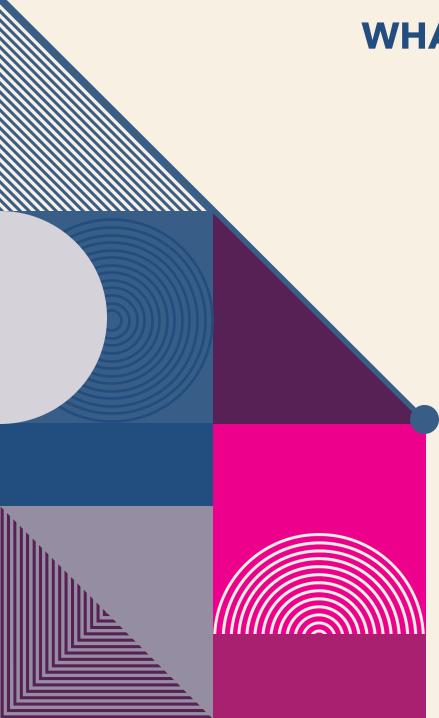
Jose Marti MAST Academy

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Room 1210

# "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**

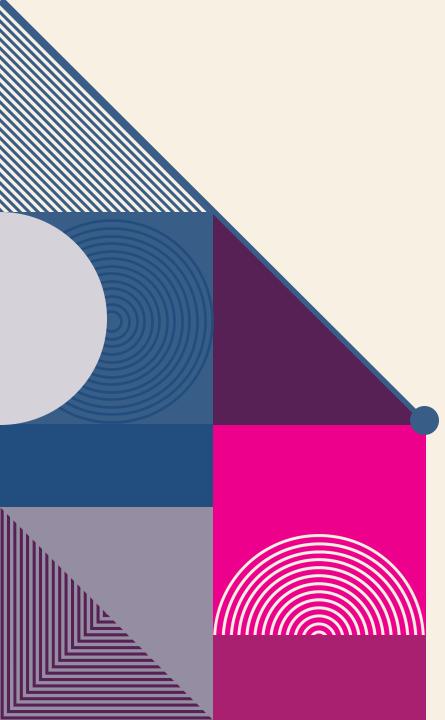
Your child will investigate significant events, individuals, and developments while learning to **think like a historian** through:

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



## **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

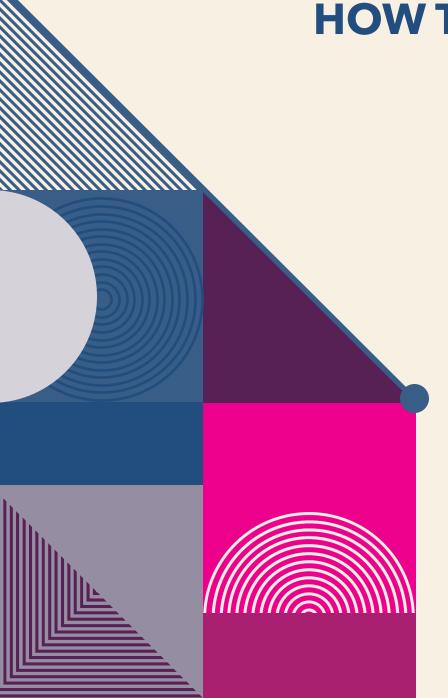
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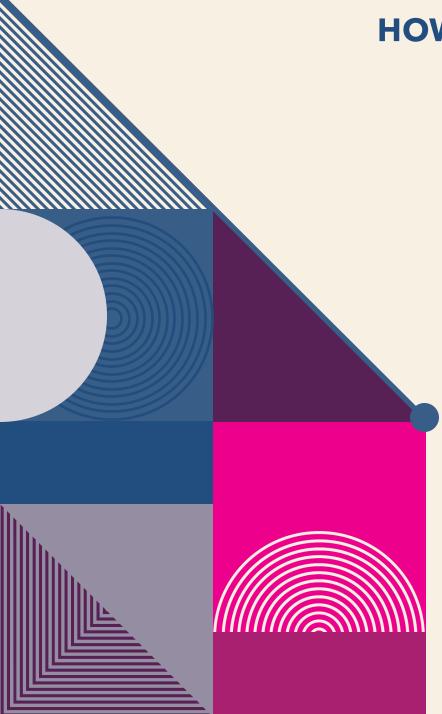
Through this course, students become better:

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%



#### **STRICT AI POLICY**

The use of Artificial Intelligence tools is STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Banned Al Tools Include:

ChatGPT

Bard

Any Al-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

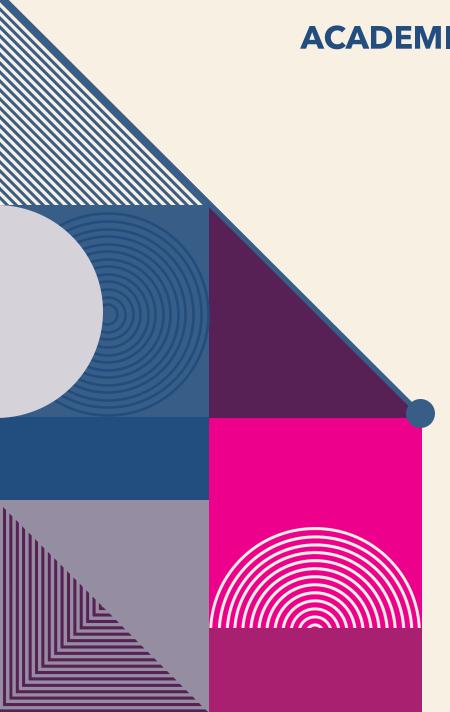
AP Exam Success - Build skills needed for the actual exam

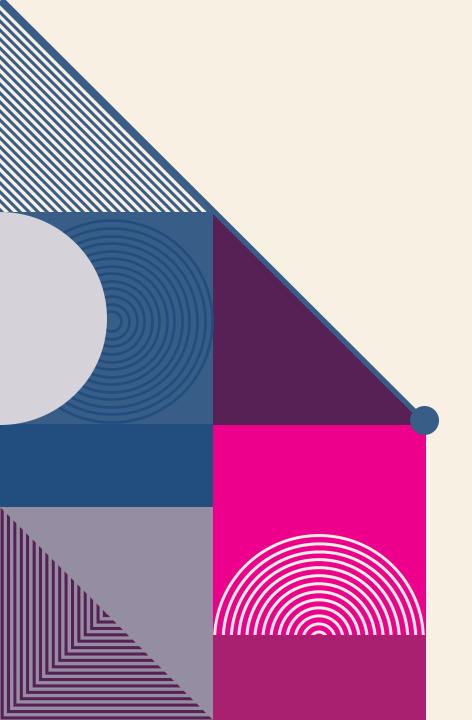
**College Preparation** - Learn to research and write independently

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**

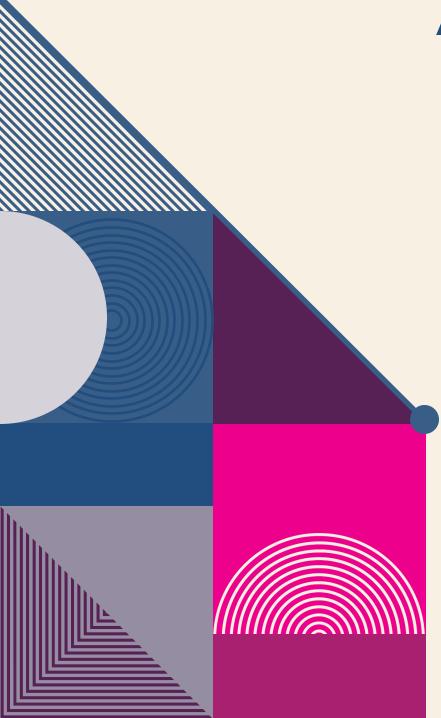
Provided by the school Industry standard for AP Euro preparation

## **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

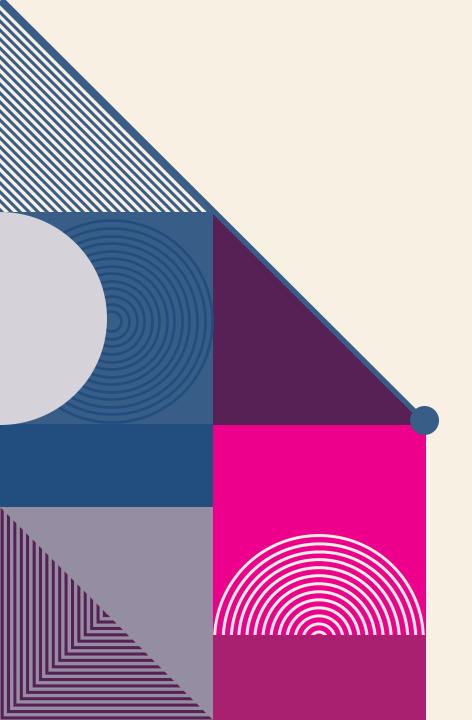
**Success Strategies** 

Stay organized with assignments and deadlines

Participate actively in class discussions

Complete all readings before class

Ask questions when concepts are unclear



# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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