

AP European History 2017-2018 Summer Essay

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Welcome to AP European History! In this class you will be learning about European history from the Renaissance to the present day. In conjunction with your Honors English class you will be learning about Europe's social, political, cultural, and economic histories. This course will require several hours of reading and studying each week. On May 18th, 2018 you will have the opportunity to take the AP Test to receive college credit. To prepare you for the class your summer assignment will be two research essays. These essays will help you learn more about ancient Greece and Rome, the Middle Ages, and the Italian Renaissance and will give you background knowledge that will be helpful when you begin the 2017-2018 school year. **These are due on the first day of class and will not be accepted late.** These essays will count as a substantial portion of your 1st term's grade so make sure that you have them completed on the first day. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!!**

Also, there will be a Europe map quiz on the first day of class in which you will have to identify the locations of several European countries. I would advise you to study the map of Europe and be familiar with the locations of all of the countries in Europe over the summer in preparation for this quiz. (A great resource to help you study for this is <http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/euroquiz.html>)

Essay Topics

You will need to type two three page essays using 12 point Times New Roman font, 1" top and bottom margins, 1.25" side margins, and double spaced, answering the addressing each of the following prompts.

Essay 1:

Compare and contrast the government, art, and religion of ancient Classical Greece and Rome.

AND

Essay 2:

Compare and contrast the government, art, and social structure of the Middle Ages and the Italian Renaissance.

Using Resources

You will need to cite five sources for each essay. Your source page must be separate from your essay and is not included in your three pages. Two of your five sources may be from internet websites, but you may not use the websites Wikipedia, Crystal link, or History for Kids. Also, make sure that the internet cites you use are reliable. Typically college websites and libraries are the most accurate. **STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO IF PLAGIARIZED!**

I look forward to meeting and teaching you in the 2017-2018 school year. Have a great summer and I'll see you in August!