

# READINESS PROFILE & COURSE EXPECTATIONS

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## **COURSE TITLE: Advanced Placement European History-Honors World History**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Advanced Placement European History is linked with Honors World History to create a one-year course which can be taken in place of World History during the tenth grade year in the Social Science Department. It is a demanding course extending beyond memorization of facts to the interpretation and analysis of historical data, writings and art.

AP European History examines various political, intellectual, and socio-economic themes which correspond closely to AP Collegeboard's course recommendations. The course of study is designed to familiarize students with the interrelationships of these themes through several chronological periods. The course highlights the impact of geography, culture, trade, religion and technology during selected historical periods.

Due to the extensive amount of content covered along with the in-depth analysis required, students may find that the amount of time necessary to do well with the reading and to perform strongly on exams, essays and other assignments to be significant.

This course is designed to prepare the student to take the Advanced Placement Examination in European History administered in May of each year. Some colleges and universities grant five semester credits to students who pass the exam; other institutions use this score for placement in honors or other advanced programs.

Careful consideration (World History vs. AP European/Honors World History) should be given to course selection. Take in to account your interests, other courses and the time required for these courses and extra-curricular activities.

### **COURSE CONTENT AND EXPECTATIONS**

The students will evaluate historical materials to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented by historical research.

Additionally, students will describe the social, intellectual, and political modernization of Europe's changing position in the world, describing the major events and chronology from approximately 1450 through the mid-1990's.

- The students will analyze (using factual knowledge) the themes in modern European history and interrelate categories or trace developments in a particular category through several chronological periods.
- The student use and analyze primary sources, including documentary material, maps, statistical tables, and pictorial and graphic evidence, to study historical events.
- The students will take notes from both printed materials and lectures or discussions.
- The students write essay examinations.
- The students will write analytical essays.
- The students will correctly cite sources and credit phrases and ideas.

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- Exams, quizzes and essays in AP European History are designed to enable students to meet graduation requirements and to prepare them for the AP European History
- Exams typically contain a series of multiple choice, short answers and Free-Response essays.
- Quizzes usually cover only portions of a chapter.

### **MAJOR UNITS OF STUDY**

Renaissance to present in European History

- Renaissance Era - literature, diplomacy, birth of modern nations, artists and works, Reformation, social impact of Reformation, Catholic Reformation and Religious Warfare
- Age of Exploration and creation of colonies, development of the world economy, social crisis and rebellions, absolutism, limited monarchy and republics
- Scientific Revolution, astronomy, rationalism, scientific method, Enlightenment, innovations in art, music and literature, Enlightened Despotism, agricultural revolution and the changing social order.
- The French Revolution: causes, new constitutions, radical era and the Age of Napoleon.
- Industrial Revolution
- ISM's - Conservatism, Liberalism Nationalism, Socialism
- Realism, Romanticism, Impressionism, etc.
- Nation building - Italian and German Unification, Second Industrial Revolution and mass society.
- Imperialization
- World War I and the Twentieth Century
- Democratic States respond to the Great Depression and Rise of Totalitarianism
- World War II
- Cold War
- Changes in the Western World since 1970.

### **WORKLOAD EXPECTATIONS**

Homework assignments average 1-2 hours per class period.

- Homework typically includes: reading, defining key terms and/or people, answering questions for understanding, research and synthesis of ideas.