

**COURSE TITLE:** AP European History

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Very Difficult	60-90 minutes	<b>District:</b> A in English 9H <b>Department Suggestion:</b> AP Art History AP Human Geography

**Course Description:**

AP European History is a challenging college-level course that covers the history of Europe from the Renaissance to the present. The course focuses on the historical, political, and economic history of Europe and also the development of various cultural and intellectual institutions over that time. Specifically, the course will cover the following topics:

- Late Middle Ages
- Renaissance
- New Monarchs & Exploration
- Religious Reforms & Warfare
- Early Modern Society
- Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment
- Age of Absolutism & Constitutionalism
- French Revolution & Napoleonic Era
- Industrial Era
- \* Realpolitik
- \* Imperialism
- \* WWI & Russian Revolution
- \* Rise of Totalitarianism
- \* WWII
- \* Cold War
- \* European Union & Post-Cold War Challenges

These abovementioned areas will be studied from a variety of perspectives with the hope of providing a balanced view of history. Students will also be provided with the opportunity to develop their analytical and interpretive writing skills. Students will be practicing both document-based and thematic free response style essays often – with students writing at least one essay in each unit.

This course is taught at the college level, and the overall aim is ultimately to prepare students to pass the Advanced Placement Exam in May. This is a rigorous course and successful students are those who commit themselves to a year of reading, writing, critical thinking, class participation, and study.

**Grading:**

- A = 90 – 100%
- B = 80 – 89%
- C = 70 – 79%
- D = 60 – 69%
- F = 0 – 59%

**Syllabus:**

Varies by teacher

**Skill Set for Prospective AP Students:**

- Strong writing skills
- A strong interest in academic reading
- An ability to learn on one's own and self-teach
- Ability to think critically and analyze historical texts
- Strong work ethic
- Good study and research skills
- Ability to work collaboratively and individually through a variety of activities and assignments
- A good mind for memorization
- Mature vocabulary
- An interest in the subject matter
- Time to devote to the class (1-1.5 hours per night)

**Supplemental Information:**

UC a-g subject area "a"

Weighted Grade