

## AP European History

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The Advanced Placement European History course is designed to instill in the student a sense of the past and how it has shaped and molded Western culture today. This course of study will follow European History from the fourteenth century to the present. Through an intense study of developing Europe, a greater appreciation of the cultural influences, historical outcomes, religious philosophies, political thought, developments of science/technology, and the impact of arts and literature and how these are reflected in our world today. Students will express historical and social issues through developed essays. A formal research project will develop a student created thesis. Through critical research the students will present an analysis of a particular topic of European history.

By providing students with the opportunity of an Advanced Placement European History course individuals with a desire to concentrate on a humanities based study can do so and earn college credit through the AP exam. The demands of independent reading, critical thinking skills, written expression in the form of essays and research papers, will provide each student with the experience to prepare them for college.

An interested candidate for the Advanced Placement European History course will have to meet set prerequisites before acceptance into the program. Quizzes will be given on related material or specific assigned readings. This will be worth 20% of the grade. Critical writing skills will be expressed in both analytical and interpretive essays. This will be worth 20% of the grade. Timed tests from the written material or document based questions will reinforce test taking skills and strategies. Formal research papers will require an understanding of related topics, proper citation of material and data, and concise expression of ideas. This will provide the remaining 60% of the quarter grade.