

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EUROPEAN HISTORY SYLLABUS

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The objective of the course is to increase students' understanding and appreciation of European history while helping each student succeed on the AP® European History Exam.

This course will examine the period of European history from 1350-2007 AD. The course will focus on the social, political, religious, intellectual, technological and economic developments throughout this period of history. Students will be required to have a mastery of basic chronology and major events and trends from the Renaissance through modern day. Students will use the textbook, as well as a plethora of primary sources, to become more familiar with these themes. The course will be broken down into units and those units are outlined in the Academic Schedule below.

The AP curriculum demands higher-order thinking skills within a rigorous academic context. Thus, students are frequently required to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources, in addition to comprehending, memorizing, and applying facts. These skills will be assessed through a number of tests, quizzes and assignments. Tests will be composed of multiple choice questions and thematic essays designed to mirror the AP European History Exam. One of the frequently recurring assignments is the Primary Source Analysis Worksheet (PSAW). The PSAW directs students in the analysis of primary source documents. The PSAW can be found at the end of the syllabus. Students will also learn the Document Based Question (DBQ) process and will practice the DBQ numerous times throughout the course.

### AP EUROPEAN HISTORY REQUIRED TEXTS:

- McKay, John P., Bennett D. Hill, and John Buckler. A History of Western Society: Since 1300. 7th ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002.
- Perry, Marvin, Joseph R. Peden, and Theodore H. Von Laue, eds. Sources of the Western Tradition volume 2. 4th ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.
- Barber, Nathan. AP Success European History. Lawrenceville: Thomson/Peterson's, 2003.
- The Prince, Niccolo Macchiavelli (available from a number of publishers)
- Utopia, Thomas More (available from a number of publishers)
- Candide, Voltaire (available online and from a number of publishers)
- Communist Manifesto, Marx, Engels (available online and from a number of publishers)

### AP EUROPEAN HISTORY RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Barber, Nathan. Complete Idiot's Guide to European History. NY, 2006.

## AP EUROPEAN HISTORY ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Day 1 - Summer assignment due. Orientation. Homework - Read Review of Middle Ages (handout).

Day 2 - Review of Middle Ages. Homework - Review summer assignment and prepare for class discussion on Day 3.

Day 3 - The Prince and Utopia. In class - Read article "Bill meet Niccolo." Homework - McKay 379-387.

### UNIT 1: LATE MIDDLE AGES

Day 4 - Black Death. In class - Read "Fourteenth Century Pestilence" (handout) and complete PSAW. Homework - McKay 387-393.

Day 5 - Hundred Years War. Homework - McKay 393-396.

Day 6 - Decline of the Church's Prestige. St. Catherine of Siena "A Treatise of Discretion," "A Treatise of Divine Providence," "A Treatise of Prayer." Homework - McKay 396-409.

Day 7 - Life of the People and Vernacular Literature. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #1.

Day 8 - Test #1. Homework - McKay 415-421.

### UNIT 2: THE RENAISSANCE

Day 9 - Evolution of Italian Renaissance. In class - "The Greatness of Lorenzo de Medici" and "Florence, 1472" (handout). Homework - McKay 421-423.

Day 10 - Individualism, Humanism and Secular Spirit. In class - Perry 6-12 (Petrarch, The Father of Humanism; Bruni, Study of Greek Literature and a Humanist Educational Program; and Mirandola, Oration on the Dignity of Man) and complete PSAW. Homework - McKay 424- 429.

Day 11 - Renaissance Art and Artists. Homework - "On Painting" (handout) and "Art and Science" (handout).

Day 12 - Renaissance Art and Artists. Homework - McKay 428-440.

Day 13 - Social Change. In class - Misc. readings on women in the Renaissance." Homework - McKay 440-443.

Day 14 - Renaissance in the North. Homework - McKay 443-449.

Day 15 - Politics and the State in the Renaissance. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #2.

Day 16 - Test #2. Homework - McKay 453-459.

### UNIT 3: THE REFORMATION AND WARS OF RELIGION

Day 17 - The Condition of the Church, Martin Luther and the Birth of Protestantism. In class - Perry 16-20. Homework - McKay 459-466.

Day 18 - 95 Theses, Protestant Thought, Social Impact of Luther's Beliefs. In class - "95 Theses" (handout) and "On the Jews and their Lies" (handout) and complete PSAW for each. Homework - McKay 466-470.

Day 19 - Germany and the Protestant Reformation. Homework - McKay 470-477.

Day 20 - The English Reformation. Homework - McKay 486-487. "The Calvinist Reformation" and "TULIP" (handouts).

Day 21 - Guest Speaker - John Calvin and the Anabaptists. Homework - McKay 477-483.

Day 22 - The Catholic Reformation and the Counter-Reformation. In class - "Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent" (handout). Homework - Final preparations for Test #3.

Day 23 - Test #3. Homework - McKay 489-493.

Day 24 - Politics, Religion and War in France. Homework - McKay 493-498.  
Day 25 - The Netherlands under Charles V and the Revolt of the Netherlands; Philip II and the Spanish Armada.. Homework - McKay 498-502  
Day 26 - The Thirty Years' War. Homework - McKay 502-512.  
Day 27 - Discovery, Reconnaissance and Expansion. In class - "Columbus describes his first voyage" McKay 526-527. Homework - McKay 512-519.  
Day 28 - Changing Attitudes (Women, Witches, Slavery, Racism). In Class - "The Hammer of Witches" by Sprenger and Kramer, "A Confession of Witchcraft Explained" by Johannes Junius, "Search After Truth" by Nicholas Malebranche." Complete PSAW for "The Hammer of Witches." Homework - McKay 519-524.  
Day 29 - Period Art. Homework - Montaigne's essays assignment.  
Day 30 - Literature; Montaigne's essays. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #4.  
Day 31 - Test #4, Homework - McKay 531-537.

#### UNIT 4: THE AGE OF ABSOLUTISM AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

Day 32 - Foundations of Absolutism. Homework - McKay 537-546; "An Assessment of Louis XIV" by Duc de Saint-Simon (handout).  
Day 33 - Louis XIV. Homework - McKay 546-548, 562-563; "A Sketch of Court Life" by Elizabeth Charlotte d'Orleans (handout).  
Day 34 - Louis XIV. Decline of Absolutist Spain, 17th Century. Homework - McKay 548-553; "True Law of Free Monarchies" and a speech to Parliament by James I (handout).  
Day 35 - Constitutionalism and the Constitutional Resistance to Royal Absolutism. In class - "Defense of Liberty Against Tyrants" by Philippe du Plessis-Mornay. Homework - McKay 553; "The English Declaration of Rights" (handout).  
Day 36 - The Glorious Revolution. Homework - McKay 553-559.  
Day 37 - The Dutch Republic in the 17th Century. Review of absolutism. In class "Leviathan" by Thomas Hobbes and "The English Declaration of Rights." Homework - Complete PSAW for "Leviathan" and Final Preparations for Test #5.  
Day 38 - Chapter Review. Take Home Test #5. Homework - McKay 565-569.  
Day 39 - Take Home Test #5 Due. Lords and Peasants in Eastern Europe. Homework - McKay 569-576.  
Day 40 - The Rise of Austria and Prussia. Homework - McKay 576-582, 590-591.  
Day 41 - The Development of Russia. In Class - The Correspondence between Ivan IV and Prince Andrei Kurbskii (excerpts). Homework - McKay 582-585.  
Day 42 - Peter the Great. Homework - McKay 585-589.  
Day 43 - Review of Prussia, Austria and Russia.  
Day 44 -.DBQ Practice. Homework - Final preparations for Test #6.  
Day 45 -Test #6. Homework - McKay 594-598, Perry 32-34 (Copernicus "On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres") and complete PSAW.  
UNIT 5: THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION, THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
Day 46 - The Copernican Hypothesis. In Class - Perry 35-36 (Cardinal Bellarmine "Attack on the Copernican theory") Homework - McKay 599-601, Perry 36-42 (Galileo Galilei "The Starry Messenger" & "Concerning the Two Chief World Systems...").  
Day 47 - Brahe, Galileo and Newton. In class - Perry 49-51 (Isaac Newton "from Principia Mathematica"). Homework - McKay 601-605.

Day 48 - Causes and Consequences of the Scientific Revolution. Homework - Perry 42-45 (Francis Bacon "Attack on Authority and Advocacy of Experimental Science"), 45-48 (Rene Descartes from Discourse on Method) and complete PSAW for each.

Day 49 - Bacon and Descartes. Homework - McKay 605-615.

Day 50 - The Emergence of the Enlightenment; The Philosophes. Homework - Perry 54-56 (Immanuel Kant "What is Enlightenment?"). Handout on Voltaire, Perry 60-63 (Voltaire "A Plea for Tolerance and Reason") and complete PSAW.

Day 51 - Voltaire. Homework - McKay 615-621. Candide Chapters I-VI.

Day 52 - The Later Enlightenment; Discussion of Candide. Homework - McKay 614-617, 619. Candide Chapters VII-XIV.

Day 53 - The Enlightenment and Absolutism, Frederick the Great of Prussia, Catherine the Great; Discussion of Candide. Homework - McKay 619-623. Candide Chapters XV-XIX.

Day 54 - Absolutism in France and the Overall Influence of the Enlightenment; Discussion of Candide. Homework - Candide Chapters XX-XXX.

Day 55 - Candide. Homework - Begin Preparations for Test #7.

Day 56 - Review of Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #7.

Day 57 - Test #7. Homework - Preparations for Candide Test.

Day 58 - DBQ Practice. Homework - Preparations for Test #8.

Day 59 - Test #8. Homework - McKay 628-640,

Day 60 - 18th Century Europe, Agriculture and the Land. The Population Explosion. Perry 143-145 (Thomas Malthus, On the Principle of Population). Homework - McKay 641-645.

Day 61 - The Growth of Cottage Industry. Homework - McKay 645-649, 649-651.

Day 62 - Mercantilism and the Colonial Wars. Homework - McKay - 649-656.

Day 63 - The Growth of Foreign Trade. Homework - Handout on Adam Smith; Perry 141-143 (Adam Smith - from The Wealth of Nations) and complete PSAW.

Day 64 - Guest Speaker - Adam Smith and The Wealth of Nations. Homework - Review for Test #9.

Day 65 - Test #9. Homework - McKay 660-669.

Day 66. Marriage, the Family and Children. Homework - McKay 669-675, 686-687.

Day 67 - Education. Food and Medical Practice. Homework - McKay 675-679.

Day 68 - Medical Practitioners, Hospitals and Medical Experiments. Homework - McKay 679-685.

Day 69 - Religion and Popular Culture. Homework - Preparations for Test #10.

Day 70 - Test #10. Homework - What is a revolution?

## UNIT 6: THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, THE AGE OF NAPOLEON AND THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Day 71 - What is a revolution? Homework - McKay 691-697.

Day 72 - The American Revolution: A Revolution or a War for Independence?; The Effects of the War for American Independence on Europe. Homework - McKay 697-700.

Day 73 - The French Revolution, 1789-1971; The Breakdown of the Old Order; Legal Orders and Social Realities; The Formation of the National Assembly. Homework - Perry 100-107 (Arthur Young, Plight of the French Peasants; Grievances of the Third Estate; Emmanuel Sieyes, Bourgeois Disdain for Special Privileges of the Aristocracy;

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of Citizens) and complete PSAW for Sieyes.

Day 74 - The French Revolution; The Revolt of the Poor and the Oppressed; A Limited Monarchy. Homework - McKay 700-704, 722-723; Perry - 108-111 (Mary Wollstonecraft, Vindication of the Rights of Woman) complete PSAW.

Day 75 - In class - Persuasive Essay: The French Revolution was sparked by human rights issues more than economic issues.

Day 76 - The French Revolution; World War and Republican France, 1791-1799; Foreign Reactions and the Beginning of War; The Second Revolution. Homework McKay 704-718; Perry - 115-118 (The Levy in Mass; Maximilien Robespierre, Republic of Virtue).

Day 77 - The French Revolution; World War and Republican France, 1791-1799; Foreign Reactions and the Beginning of War; The Second Revolution.

Day 78 - The French Revolution; Total War and the Terror; The Thermidorian Reaction and the Directory, 1794-1799. Homework - Preparations for Test #11,

Day 79 - Test #11

Day 80 - DBQ Practice. Homework - Begin preparations for Midterm Exam. Christmas Break!!!!!!

Day 81 - DBQ Practice. Homework - Begin preparations for midterm exam.

Day 82 - DBQ Practice. Homework - Begin preparations for midterm exam.

Day 83 - Review in class. Homework - Begin preparations for midterm exam.

Day 84 - Review in class. Homework - Begin preparations for midterm exam.

Day 85 - Review in class. Homework - Begin preparations for midterm exam.

Midterm Exam – Date TBA. Homework - McKay 712-719.

Day 86 - Napoleon. In class - Perry 112-116 (Napoleon Bonaparte, Leader, General, Tyrant, Reformer). Homework - Handout on Napoleon.

Day 87 -Napoleon. Homework - Preparations for Test #12.

Day 88 -Test #12. Homework - McKay 726-732. Perry 128-132, Sadler Commission, Report on Child Labor complete PSAW.

Day 89 -The Industrial Revolution in Great Britain; The First Factories. Homework - McKay 732-746.

Day 90 -Railroads; Industrialization on the Continent. Homework - McKay 746-750.

Day 91 -The Sexual Division of Labor; The Early Labor Movement in Britain. Homework - Persuasive Essay: The Industrial Revolution: Bright Spot or Dark Spot in History?

Day 92 - In class - Chronology of major people, events, inventions and developments of the Industrial Revolution.

Day 93 -Final Review of the Industrial Revolution. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #13.

Day 94 - Test #13. Homework - McKay 757-759.

UNIT 7: THE AGE OF METTERNICH

Day 95 - The Congress of Vienna; The Peace Settlement and The European Balance of Power. Homework - Handout on Metternich.

Day 96 -Metternich. Homework - McKay 762-766.

Day 97 -Liberalism, Nationalism and French Utopian Socialism. Homework - McKay 766-770.

Day 98 -Introduction to the Romantic Movement. Homework - Perry 137-143.

Day 99 -Romanticism. Homework - McKay 770-777.

Day 100 -Reforms and Revolutions; French Revolution of 1830. Homework - McKay 778-784.

Day 101 -The Revolutions of 1848. Homework - Begin Preparations for Test #14.

Day 102 -Final Review of Revolutions and Romanticism. Homework - Final Preparations for Test #14.

Day 103 -Test #14. Homework - McKay 765-766. Communist Manifesto, Sections I and II.

Day 104 -Marx and Marxism; The Communist Manifesto. Homework - Communist Manifesto, Sections III and IV.

Day 105 -The Communist Manifesto.

Day 106 -The Communist Manifesto.

Day 107 -Marxist Communism vs. Utopia. Homework - McKay 787-804.

#### UNIT 8: NATIONALISM, UNIFICATION AND THE EMERGENING URBAN SOCIETY

Day 108 -Life in the emerging urban city; Social structure. Homework - McKay 805-812.

Day 109 -The Changing Family. Homework - McKay 812-817; Perry 165-173 (Charles Darwin, Origin of the Species and Descent of Man; Andrew D. White, A History of the Warfare of Science with Technology) complete PSAW on Darwin.

Day 110 -Science and Thought; Darwinism and Religion; Darwinism and Creationsim.

Day 111 - Guest Speaker - Darwin and Religion. Homework - Begin preparations for Test #15.

Day 112 -Review of social structure, the family and science and thought. Homework - Take-Home Test #15.

Day 113 -Take Home Test #15 Due. DBQ Practice. Homework - McKay 824-829.

Day 114 -Napoleon III; Nation Building in Italy; Garibaldi. Homework - McKay 829-835.

Day 115 -Bismarck; The Austro-Prussian War; The Franco-Prussian War. Homework - McKay 835-838

Day 116 - Modernization of Russia; Revolution of 1905. Homework - 838-846

Day 117 -The National State 1871-1914. Homework - McKay

Day 118 -Review of Nationalism in 19th Century. Homework - Preparations for Test #16.

Day 119 -Test #16.

Day 120 -DBQ Practice. Homework - McKay 855-863.

#### UNIT 9: IMPERIALISM, TANGLING ALLIANCE AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Day 121 -Industrialization and the World Economy. Homework - McKay 863-868.

Day 122 -The Great Migration. Homework - McKay 868-877; Perry 228-230 (Joseph Chamberlain: The British Empire: Colonial Commerce and "The White Man's Burden"), Rudyard Kipling: The White Man's Burden complete PSAW for Kipling.

Day 123 -In class - Perry 230-234 (Karl Pearson: Social Darwinism: Imperialism justified by nature; Hobson: An Early Critique of Imperialism) Imperialism. Homework - McKay 877-882.

Day 124 -.Reaction to Imperialism. Old imperialism vs. New Imperialism. Homework - Preparations for Test #17.

Day 125 -Test #17. Homework - McKay 887-900; Perry 292-294 (Treitschke: The

Greatness of War)

Day 126 -The Outbreak of WWI. Homework - McKay 900-904; Perry 297-299 (Eyre Crowe: Germany's Teaming for Expansion and Power).

Day 127 -WWI continued. Homework - McKay 904-910; Perry 331-334 (Lenin: What is to be done?).

Day 128 -The Russian Revolution. Homework - McKay 910-916; Perry 320-322 (German Delegation to the Paris Peace Conference: A Peace of Might)

Day 129 -The Peace Settlement. Homework - Preparations for Test #18.

Day 130 -Test #18. Homework - McKay 921-930; Perry 268-275 (Nietzsche: from The Birth of Tragedy, The Will to Power and The Antichrist) complete PSAW for Nietzsche.

UNIT 10: THE INTERWAR YEARS, THE RISE OF DICTATORS AND WWII

Day 131 -Modern philosophy; Nietzsche, Christianity, Freud. Homework - McKay 930-937; Perry 288-290 (Picasso: Cubism and Kandinsky: Abstract Art).

Day 132 -More modern philosophy; Modern art, music and entertainment. Homework - McKay 937-948.

Day 133 -The search for stability; The Great Depression. Homework - Preparations for Test #19.

Day 134 -DBQ Practice.

Day 135 -Test #19 Homework - McKay 954-966; Perry 347-348 (A. O. Avdienko: The Cult of Stalin).

Day 136 - The ISMS, Stalin; Mussolini. In class - Perry 364- 365 (Mussolini: Fascist Doctrines). Homework - McKay 966-979; Perry 370-374 (Hitler: from Mein Kampf) complete PSAW.

Day 137 -Hitler. Homework - McKay 979-984.

Day 138 -The Grand Alliance. Homework - WWII Handout.

Day 139 -WWII Review. Homework - Take Home Test #20.

Day 140 -Test #20 Due. DBQ Practice. Homework - McKay 990-993; Perry 353-354 (Khrushchev: Secret Speech) complete PSAW.

UNIT 11: THE COLD WAR AND THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN EUROPE

Day 141 -The Cold War. Homework - McKay 993-1006.

Day 142 -The Western Renaissance. Homework - McKay 1006-1013.

Day 143 -Postwar Social Transformations. Homework - McKay 1013-1015.

Day 144 - DBQ Practice.

Day 145 - Renewed challenges in the late Cold War. Homework - Perry 426-437 (Khrushchev: Report to the Twentieth Party Congress; Milovan Djilas: The New Class; Vaclav Havel: The Failure of Communism).

Day 146 - Detente and the end of the Cold War. Homework - Preparations for Test #21.

Day 147 - Test #21. Homework - McKay 1028-1032.

Day 148 - Decline of Communism in Eastern Europe; Solidarity. Homework - McKay 1032-1033; Perry 432-435 (Mikhail Gorbachev: Perestroika) complete PSAW.

Day 149 - Reforms of Gorbachev. Homework - McKay 1037-1040, 1042-1046.

Day 150 - The Revolutions of 1989. Homework - McKay 1046-1060.

Day 151 - Contemporary Europe. Homework – European Union handout. Final DBQ practice.

Day 152 – European Union. Review for Exam. Homework - TBA.

Day 153 – Final Review for Exam. Homework - TBA.

Day 154 - AP EXAM