

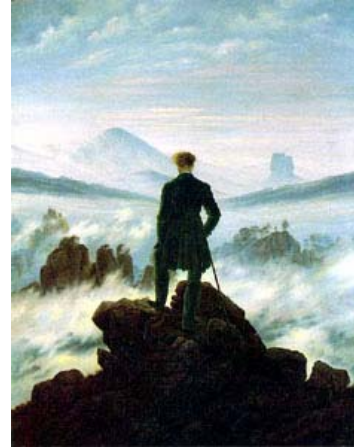
COURSE SYLLABUS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EUROPEAN HISTORY

Instructor : Mr. Nelson, Room 14
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced Placement European History is equivalent to an introductory European history class at the university level and is, consequently, very demanding. Students will be expected to do a challenging amount of reading and writing during the course of the class in order to prepare them for the AP Exam in May. The goal of this course is to provide a survey of European history from 1450 to the present, examining the intellectual, social, political, and economic developments in Western Civilization. To achieve this end, students will be expected to read both the textbook and a wide variety of primary sources as well as to analyze this information in a variety of essay formats. It is a requirement of this course that all students take the AP Exam in May.



COURSE MATERIAL

1. **Textbook** : Palmer, R. R. : *A History of the Modern World, 10th Edition.* McGraw-Hill.
2. Selected primary source readings (provided by Mr. Nelson)
3. 3-ring binder / notebook (exclusively for this class).

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Review : Western Civilization to 1300
- II. The Late Middle Ages and Renaissance
- III. The Reformation and Religious Wars
- IV. Absolutism and Constitutionalism
- V. The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
- VI. The French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon
- VII. The Industrial Revolution
- VIII. The Conservative Backlash and Reform
- IX. Imperialism to Global Conflict (WWI)
- X. Between the Wars
- XI. World War II
- XII. Cold War to the Present

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Because this is an AP course, students will be expected to do a great deal of reading (textbook and primary sources). Students who have not maintained a grade of at least 80% in the course at the end of the 1st Semester **WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS**. Due to the rigorous nature of the course, students finding that they have missed an important concept or that they don't understand something from the readings can see me during my office hours.

Assignment Breakdown

Homework :	10 %
Quizzes :	10 %
Essays :	20 %
Tests :	40 %
Final :	20 %

CLASSROOM POLICIES

- **ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING POLICY.** All assignments must be handed in on the due date at the beginning of class *or they are considered late*. Students may hand in late assignments after that time (by which I mean at some point during that day) but it will receive only ½ credit. Any assignment handed in after the day it is due will receive no credit. Because we are all human, I give students one “my printer wouldn't work, my computer stopped working, an alien abducted my assignment” excuse per semester. While there is no extra credit in this course, I will offer the entire class “bonus point” opportunities from time to time. Students should be sure to take advantage of these “gifts” – they can really help. It is the policy of the Social Studies Department that students may only make up 1 missed test per semester. Any missed tests after the first will automatically receive a “0” grade. If the student is absent for the test, you have seven days in which to make it up. My grading scale is the same as the St. Monica Grade Scale as provided in the student handbook.
- **MAKE-UP WORK.** All make-up work is the responsibility of the student. If students know that they are going to be absent for a school activity on the date an assignment is due it is still the student's responsibility to have it handed in on the due date. Students who are absent due to illness or some other legitimate emergency have the number of days they are absent to make up the assignment.
- **TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN AP.** The key to success in a college-level AP course is time management. You will be asked to do a great deal of reading and you will need to make time to do some every night. This is a challenging class so if you get behind do not hesitate to visit me during office hours and ask for help.

Please detach and return to Mr. Nelson by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008**.

I have read the course syllabus for Advanced Placement European History and agree to all of the policies. I understand that if my grade is not at least 80% by the end of the first semester, I WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Name

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