

Student/Parent Meeting  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 – SHS MPR/Studio E Theatre 6:30 PM

Advanced Placement European History Summer Assignment

Welcome to one of the most worthwhile AP classes offered at the high school level! It is crucial to start successfully without feeling pressured and overwhelmed. In order to accomplish this, I have come up with an assignment that will enhance your chances of doing well right from the beginning. It is of utmost importance that you do the work gradually and methodically and not **procrastinate**. Besides the obvious need to comprehend the material, establishing consistent study habits may be the most important reason for having summer assignments. All are capable and most actually make the effort! Your choice begins now-make it count! A more motivating reason to do this work is that it will be considered **extra credit**.

You can stop by the library from Tuesday, 6/09 to Friday, 6/19, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. to pick up your book. You will also need your school I.D. The name of the APEH text is Kagan, Donald, Steven Ozment, and Frank M. Turner. *The Western Heritage*. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2006.

Assignment # 1 (Optional but highly recommended)

Familiarize yourself with a website strictly dedicated to helping APEH students understand the craft of reading, writing, and thinking historically-**Historyguide.org**. Once on the site, look at the left hand corner and click on the link “a Student’s Guide to the Study of History”. It has multiple topics to navigate. Read the first link entitled “The Proper Attitude”. It is a passionate plea to develop a love for learning. This is followed by an excellent overview of why it is important to study history. You can also read the sections given to you in your syllabus on the Renaissance and Exploration. This can be found on the link “Lectures on Early Modern History” underneath the “Student History” link mentioned above.

Assignment # 2 (Optional but highly recommended)

Read and outline **chapter ten** of the *Western Heritage* (Renaissance/Exploration). All the notes will be due on the first day of class. It is highly advised to highlight all key terms as you read. I will also provide guided readings for every chapter that will ask pertinent questions that confront important concepts and key points. The hope is that your notes will in some way coincide with the guided readings. All notes should be kept in a separate notebook throughout the year. You can also explore Mr Klipfel’s website on elevated note-taking. Go to <http://staff.hartdistrict.org/jklipel> and click on the podcasts in the lower left hand corner. The password for his podcasts is “sloth”. You will be given EXTRA CREDIT if you elevate your notes for the whole semester.

Assignment # 3 (Optional but recommended)

Familiarize yourself with a fantastic webpage that will guide you through the class. Susan Pojer has put together many powerpoints for your use. Historyteacher.net is the name of the site and Powerpoint Palooza is what you click (left side of the page). Look at the ones for APEH, specifically the Renaissance so that you will have some idea as to what you will be learning in August. You can also view her EHAP review link at the top of the page. This has an easy to read synopsis of major units covered in APEH and has quizzes available to sharpen your knowledge of AP European History.