

Course/Grade Level: AP European History

Days	Unit	Standard(s)/Outcome(s)	Essential/Guiding Questions
6-8	Unit 1: Renaissance and Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which the Renaissance and Age of Discovery developed.● Explain how the revival of classical texts contributed to the development of the Renaissance in Italy● Explain the political, intellectual, and cultural effects of the Italian Renaissance.● Explain how Renaissance ideas were developed, maintained, and changed as the Renaissance spread to northern Europe.● Explain the influence of the printing press on cultural and intellectual developments in modern European history.● Explain the causes and effects of the development of political institutions from 1450 to 1648.● Explain the technological factors that facilitated European exploration and expansion from 1450 to 1648.● Explain the motivations for and effects of European exploration and expansion from 1450 to 1648.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how and why trading networks and colonial expansion affected relations between and among European states.● Explain the economic impact of European colonial expansion and development of trade networks.● Explain the social and cultural impact of European colonial expansion and development of trade networks.● Explain the causes for and the development of the slave trade.● Explain European commercial and agricultural developments and their economic effects from 1450 to 1648.● Explain European commercial and agricultural developments and their social effects from 1450 to 1648.● Explain the causes and consequences of the Renaissance and Age of Discovery.	
6-8	Unit 2: Age of Reformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which the religious, political, and cultural developments of the 16th and 17th centuries took place.● Explain how and why religious belief and practices changed from 1450 to 1648.● Explain how and why religious belief and practices changed from 1450 to 1648.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how matters of religion influenced and were influenced by political factors from 1450 to 1648.● Explain the continuities and changes in the role of the Catholic Church from 1450 to 1648.● Explain how economic and intellectual developments from 1450 to 1648 affected social norms and hierarchies.● Explain how and why artistic expression changed from 1450 to 1648.● Explain how the religious, political, and cultural developments of the 16th and 17th centuries affected European society from 1450 to 1648.	
6-8	Unit 3: Absolutism and Constitutionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which different forms of political power developed from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the causes and consequences of the English Civil War.● Explain the continuities and changes in commercial and economic developments from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the continuities and changes in commercial and economic developments from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the factors that	

		<p>contributed to the development of the Dutch Republic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how European states attempted to establish and maintain a balance of power on the continent throughout the period from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how advances in technology contributed to a developing balance of power on the continent throughout the period from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how absolutist forms of rule affected social and political development from 1648 to 1815.● Compare the different forms of political power that developed in Europe from 1648 to 1815.	
6-8	Unit 4: Scientific, Philosophical, and Political Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment developed in Europe.● Explain how understanding of the natural world developed and changed during the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment.● Explain the causes and consequences of Enlightenment thought on European society from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the influence of Enlightenment thought on European intellectual development from 1648 to 1815.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the factors contributing to and the consequences of demographic changes from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how European cultural and intellectual life was maintained and changed throughout the period from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how different forms of political power were influenced by Enlightenment thought from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how and why political and religious developments challenged or reinforced the idea of a unified Europe from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how and why the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment challenged the existing European order and understanding of the world.	
6-8	Unit 5: Conflict, Crisis, and Reaction in the Late 18th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which the European states experienced crisis and conflict from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the causes and consequences of European maritime competition from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the economic and political consequences of the rivalry between Britain and	

		<p>France from 1648 to 1815.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the causes, events, and consequences of the French Revolution.● Explain how the events and developments of the French Revolution influenced political and social ideas from 1648 to 1815.● Explain the effects of Napoleon’s rule on European social, economic, and political life.● Explain the nationalist responses to Napoleon’s rule in Europe.● Explain how states responded to Napoleonic rule in Europe and the consequences of the response.● Explain how and why the Romantic Movement and religious revival challenged Enlightenment thought from 1648 to 1815.● Explain how the developments and challenges to the political order resulted in change in the period from 1648 to 1815.	
6-8	Unit 6: Industrialization and Its Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which industrialization originated, developed, and spread in Europe.● Explain the factors that influenced the development of industrialization in Europe from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how innovations and	

		<p>advances in technology during the Industrial Revolutions led to economic and social change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how industrialization influenced economic and political development throughout the period from 1815 to 1914.● Explain the causes and consequences of social developments resulting from industrialization.● Explain how the European political order was maintained and challenged from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how and why various groups reacted against the existing order from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how and why different intellectual developments challenged the political and social order from 1815 to 1914.● Explain the various movements and calls for social reform that resulted from intellectual developments from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how and why governments and other institutions responded to challenges resulting from industrialization.● Explain the influence of innovations and technological developments in Europe from 1815 to 1914.	
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<p>6-8</p>	<p>Unit 7: 19th Century Perspectives and Political Developments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which nationalistic and imperialistic sentiments developed in Europe from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how the development and spread of nationalism affected Europe from 1815 to 1914.● Explain the factors that resulted in Italian unification and German unification.● Explain how nationalist sentiment and political alliances led to tension between and among European powers from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how Darwin’s theories influenced scientific and social developments from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how science and other intellectual disciplines developed and changed throughout the period from 1815 to 1914.● Explain the motivations that led to European imperialism in the period from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how technological advances enabled European imperialism from 1815 to 1914.● Explain how European imperialism affected both European and nonEuropean societies.● Explain the continuities and changes in European artistic expression from 1815 to 1914.	
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6-8	Unit 8: 20th Century Global Conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which global conflict developed in the 20th century.● Explain the causes and effects of World War I.● Explain how new technology altered the conduct of World War I.● Explain how the developments of World War I changed political and diplomatic interactions between and among nations.● Explain the causes and effects of the Russian Revolution.● Explain how and why the settlement of World War I failed to effectively resolve the political, economic, and diplomatic challenges of the early 20th century.● Explain the causes and effects of the global economic crisis in the 1920s and 1930s.● Explain the factors that led to the development of fascist and totalitarian regimes in the aftermath of World War I.● Explain the consequences of Stalin's economic policies and totalitarian rule in the Soviet	

		<p>Union.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain how and why various political and ideological factors resulted in the catastrophe of World War II.● Explain how technology and innovation affected the course of World War II and the 20th century.● Explain how and why cultural and national identities were affected by war and the rise of fascist/totalitarian powers in the period from 1914 to the present.● Explain how the events of the first half of the 20th century challenged existing social, cultural, and intellectual understandings.● Explain how economic challenges and ideological beliefs influenced prior conceptions about the relationship between the individual and the state.	
6-8	Unit 9: Cold War and Contemporary Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the context in which the Cold War developed, spread, and ended in Europe.● Explain how economic developments resulted in economic, political, and cultural change in the period after World War II.● Explain the causes, events, and effects of the Cold War in the	

		<p>period following World War II.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explain the economic and political consequences of the Cold War for Europe.● Explain the causes and effects of mass atrocities in the period following World War II to the present.● Explain state-based economic developments following World War II and the responses to these developments.● Explain the causes and effects of the end of the Cold War.● Explain how women’s roles and status developed and changed throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.● Explain the various ways in which colonial groups around the world sought independence from colonizers in the 20th and 21st centuries.● Explain how the formation and existence of the European Union influenced economic developments throughout the period following World War II to the present.● Explain how the European Union affected national and European identity throughout the period following World War II to the present.● Explain the causes and effects of	
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