

Hahnville High School

Advance Placement Program

European History



Recommendations for course:

- Prior knowledge of geography, civics, and world history.
- A good work ethic, strong reading skills, time management skills and organization.
- Strong critical analysis and writing skills.
- Have an open mind in order to be objective in analyzing historical events.

About the class....

The study of European history since 1450 introduces students to cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Without this knowledge, we would lack the context for understanding the development of contemporary institutions, the role of continuity and change in present-day society and politics, and the evolution of current forms of artistic expression and intellectual discourse.

In addition to providing a basic narrative of events and movements, the goals of AP European History are to develop (a) an understanding of some of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence and historical interpretation, and (c) an ability to express historical understanding in writing.

Homework/Classwork

The majority of homework assignments in this class will consist of readings, identifications, outlines, and essays. **In order to be successful, you must spend considerable time reading and comprehending your text and other documents.** You are responsible for any readings the date they are due, as this is necessary in order to have relevant discussions in the classroom. Quizzes may be given to assess whether or not the assigned readings were completed. All assignments will be collected at the beginning of class. No work will be accepted after that time, unless prior arrangements have been made with me. The class averages about a chapter every two weeks to cover all curriculum. There will be writing in various forms and analysis of readings done daily. Not procrastinating is key in AP European History.